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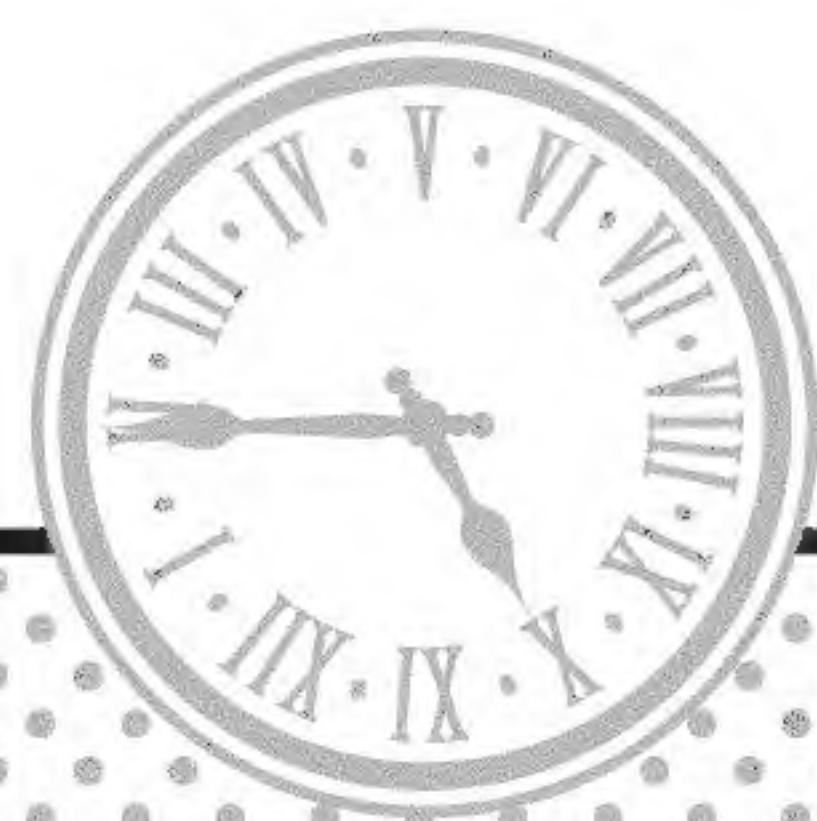
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Do We Want
to Do It Ourselves?

LADY
RISHE?!

WHAT IS
ALL THIS...?

SORRY
FOR
SURPRISING
YOU.

WE DIDN'T
MEAN IT LIKE
THAT...

DON'T
WORRY. I'LL
CLEAN IT UP,
OKAY?







HMM...

I WONDER
IF THIS IS
ENOUGH.

I KNOW
WHAT I WANT
TO SHOW MR.
TULLY, BUT...



APOTHE-
CARIES
THAT MADE
MEDICINE FOR
THE WAR...

SOLDIERS

BUT THAT
DOESN'T
MEAN THAT
PEACE WAS
RESTORED.

GALKHEIN
WON THE WAR
THREE YEARS
AGO...

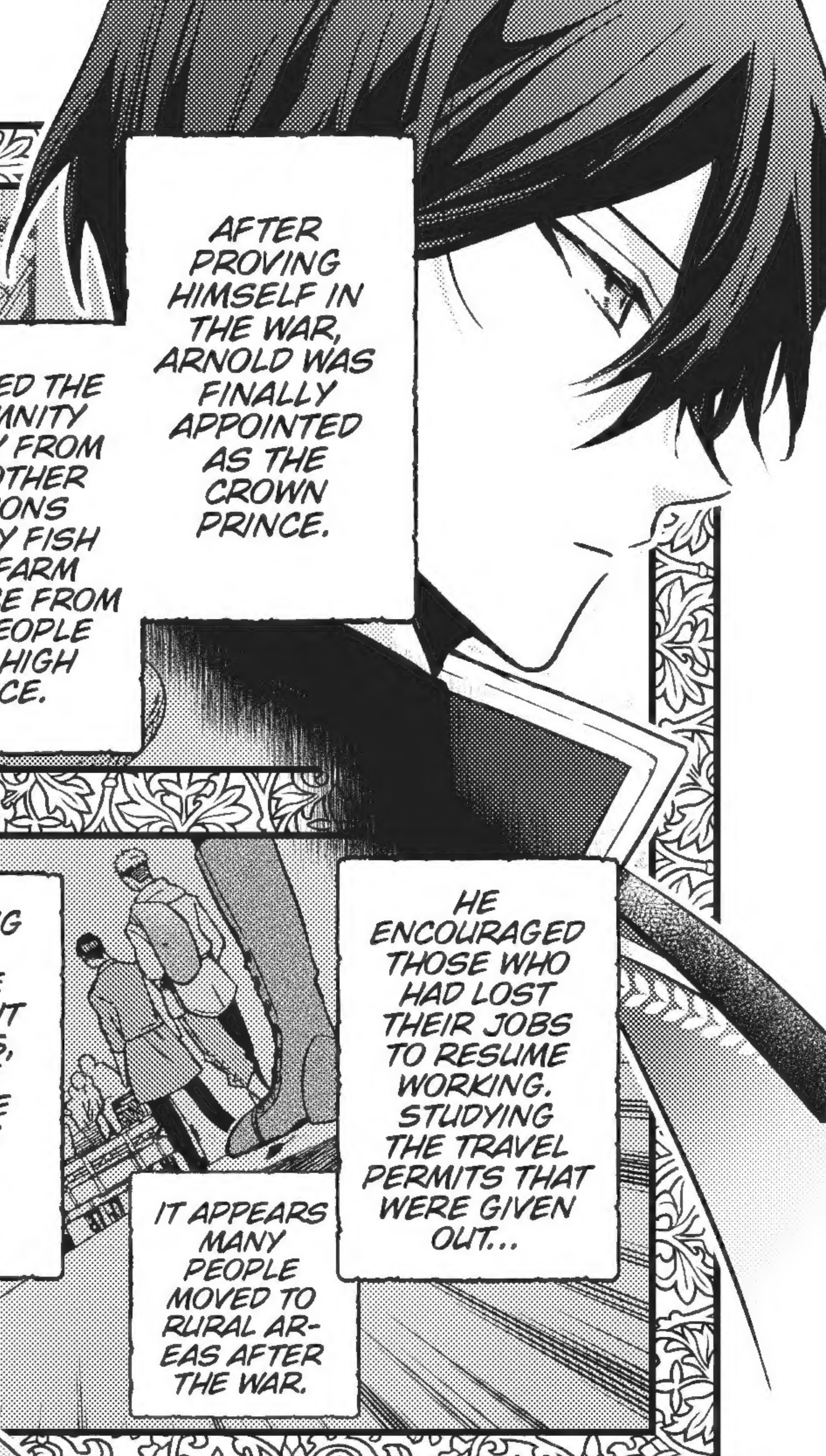
SOME
PEOPLE
LOST THEIR
JOBS WHEN
THE WAR
ENDED.

BLACK-
SMITHS

FOOD
BECAME MORE
COSTLY AS
FARMING AND
FISHING
VILLAGES
BECAME LESS
PRODUCTIVE.

THE THERE
WAS NOWHERE
FOR THEM
TO WORK
AFTER THEY
RETURNED.
THE
POPULATION
CONTINUED
TO DECLINE.

BECAUSE
OF THE WAR,
FEW MEN
WERE LEFT
IN THE
RURAL
REGIONS.



BY ENSURING THAT THE PRIMARY INDUSTRIES PAID WELL...

HE USED THE INDEMNITY MONEY FROM THE OTHER NATIONS TO BUY FISH AND FARM PRODUCE FROM HIS PEOPLE AT A HIGH PRICE.

AFTER PROVING HIMSELF IN THE WAR, ARNOLD WAS FINALLY APPOINTED AS THE CROWN PRINCE.



PRODUCTION, BIRTH RATES, AND TAX REVENUE ALL WENT UP.



BY SELLING THE PRODUCE HE BOUGHT AT A LOSS, HE MADE SURE THE COMMON PEOPLE DIDN'T STARVE.

IT APPEARS MANY PEOPLE MOVED TO RURAL AREAS AFTER THE WAR.

HE ENCOURAGED THOSE WHO HAD LOST THEIR JOBS TO RESUME WORKING. STUDYING THE TRAVEL PERMITS THAT WERE GIVEN OUT...



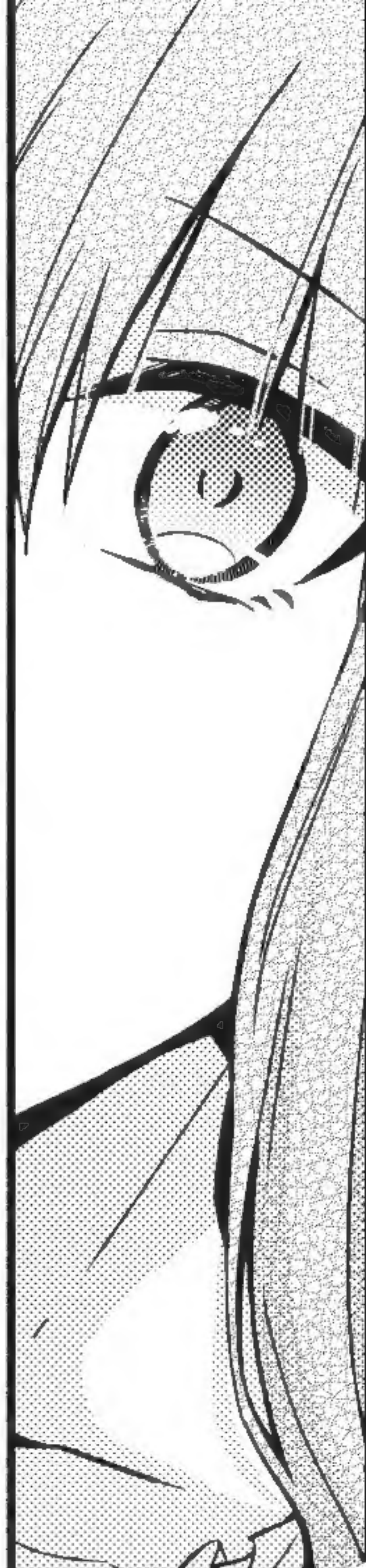
THERE'S NO WAY I WOULD HAVE KNOWN ABOUT THIS IF I DIDN'T LIVE IN GALKHEIN, THOUGH.

IT'S EASY TO UNDERSTAND JUST BY STUDYING THESE MATERIALS.

GALKHEIN BECAME EVEN MORE POWERFUL THAN BEFORE.



"YOU
DON'T NEED
TO RESOLVE
YOURSELF
TO BE MY
WIFE."



I'M THE
CROWN
PRINCE'S
BETROTHED
YET I STILL
DON'T KNOW
ANYTHING.

SIGH...



HE
LOOKED
SAD,
THOUGH.



I WONDER
WHAT HE
MEANT BY
THAT.

I
COULDN'T
ASK HIM
ANYTHING.

IT WAS
THE SAME
EXPRESSION
HE WORE WHEN
HE KILLED ME
AS A KNIGHT.





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COMBINE
THOROUGHLY
WITHOUT
ADDING ANY
AIR BUBBLES.

ADD THE
SAP OF
A COLLINI
TREE AND
THREE
DIFFERENT
HERBS.

SQUEEZE
IT ONCE
IT'S COOL
ENOUGH TO
TOUCH.

MIX
WITH THE DYE
FROM A ROSE.

PAINT
SOME HERBAL
LIQUID ON A NAIL
AND THEN PAINT
THE SOLUTION I
JUST MADE ON
TOP OF THAT.

SHINE
キラ

SHINE
キラ

IT'S AS
IF I AM
WEARING
JEWELS
ON MY
FINGER-
TIPS.



OH, ELSIE,
I'M GLAD
YOU'RE HERE.



LADY
RISHE.

I RECOM-
MEND THAT
YOU
GET SOME
REST.



!



SO
SHINY...

AND
SMOOTH
...



WILL IT
MAKE
MY NAILS
STRON-
GER?

CAN I
PAINT
YOUR
NAILS?

MINE
ALWAYS
BREAK.

I THOUGHT
IT'D BE FUN IF
I COULD MAKE
IT LAST LONGER
WITH A NAIL
STRENGTH-
ENER.

THERE'S
A CULTURE
IN THE EAST
WHERE THEY
PAINT THEIR
NAILS WITH A
FLORAL DYE.



MEAT,
FISH,
BEANS.

I'LL RE-
MEMBER
THAT.



YOU
SHOULD
EAT LOTS
OF MEAT,
FISH, AND
BEANS.

THE
BEST
WAY TO
FIX THAT
WOULD BE
A BAL-
ANCED
DIET.

MEAT,
FISH,
BEANS.



YES.

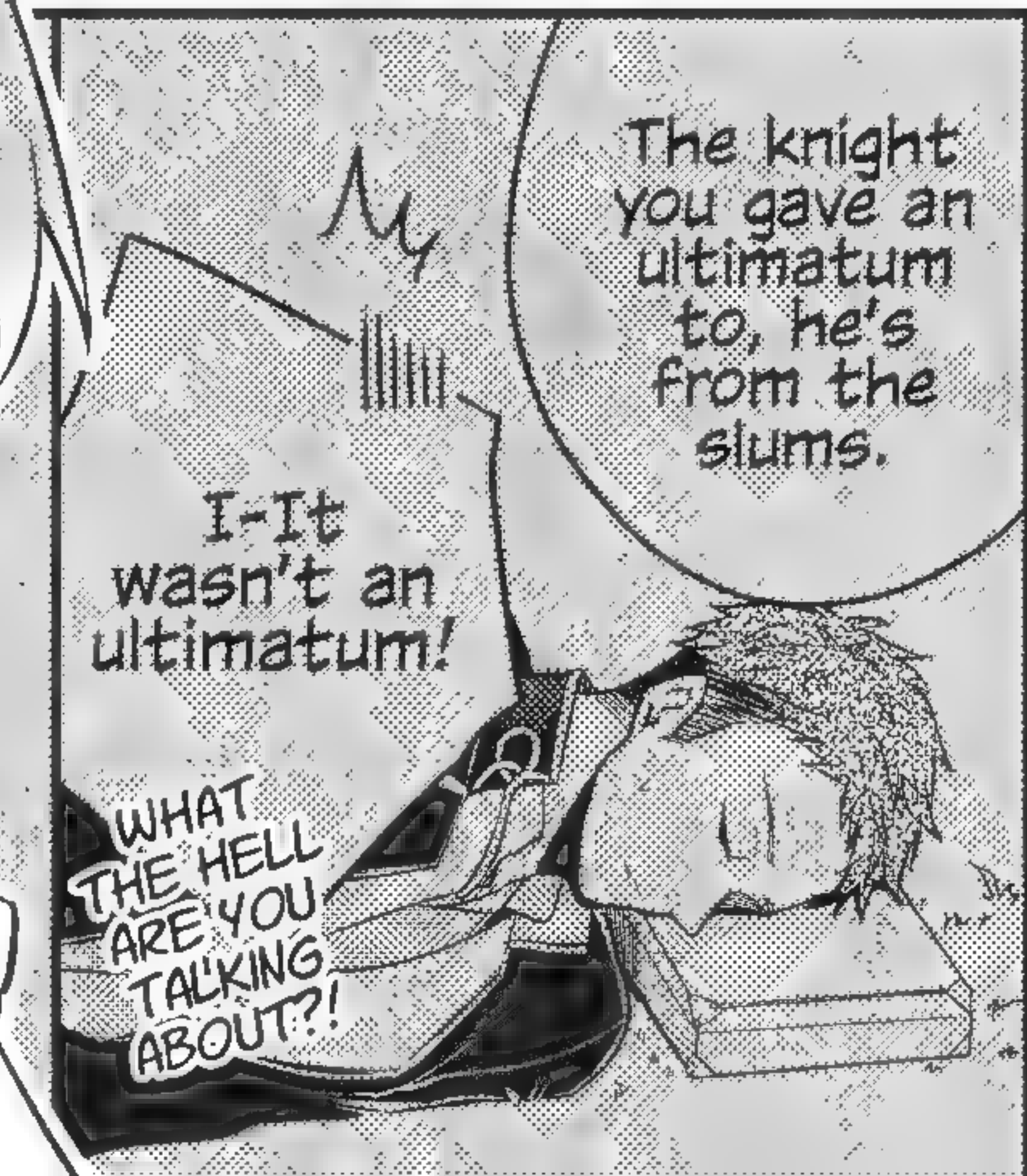
THE
MEAT AND
VEGETABLES
ALL WENT TO
MY YOUNGER
BROTHER AND
SISTER.

YOU DIDN'T
HAVE IT EASY
EITHER, HUH?

WE'RE POOR,
BUT WITH THE
PAY FROM THIS
JOB, I SHOULD
BE ABLE TO
EAT BETTER.



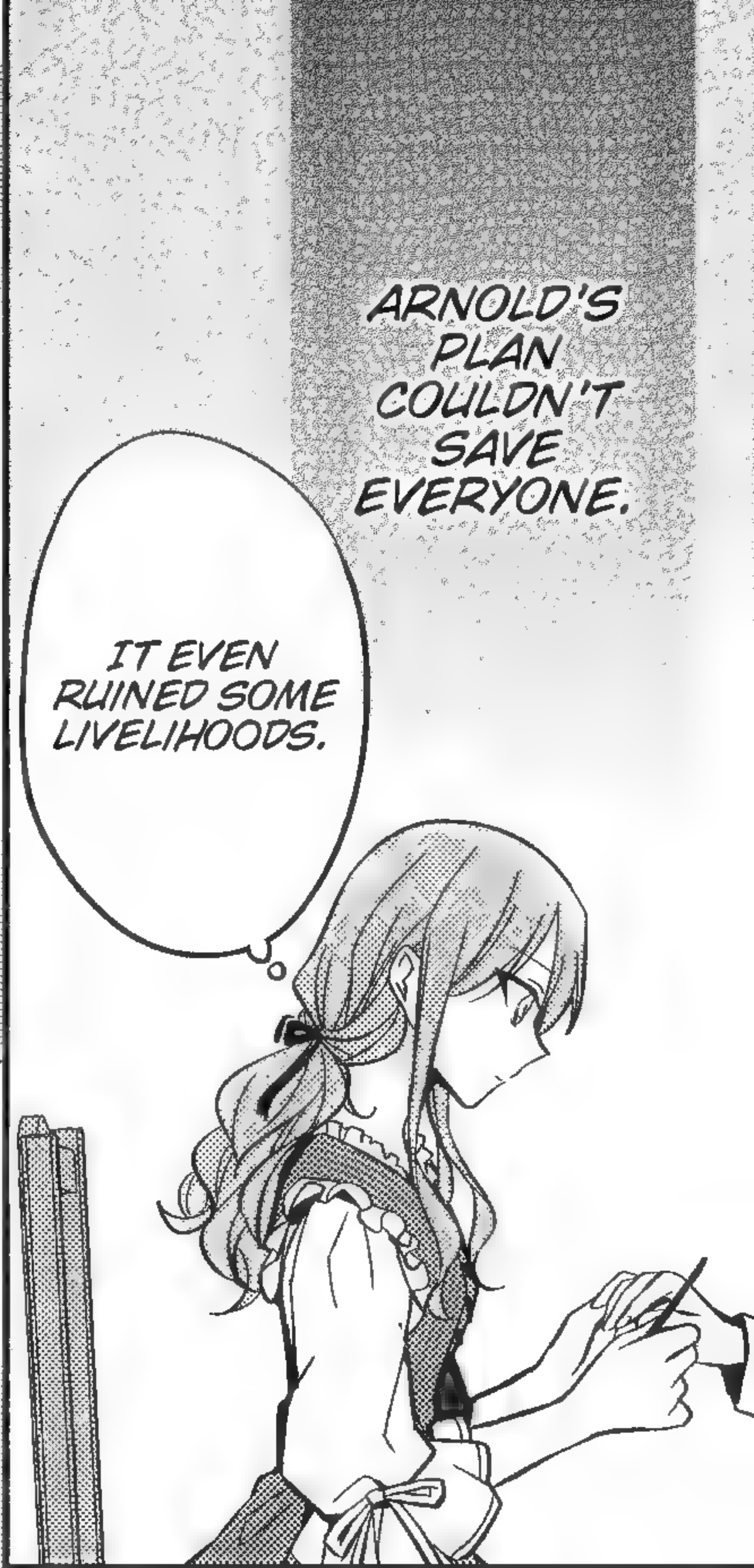
THERE
ARE SLUMS
IN THIS
COUNTRY
AS WELL.



I-It
wasn't an
ultimatum!

The knight
you gave an
ultimatum
to, he's
from the
slums.

WHAT
THE HELL
ARE YOU
TALKING
ABOUT?!





WHAT COLOR
WOULD YOU
LIKE?

LADY
RISHE...

THAT'S
NOT TRUE.

I'D BE
SO HAPPY IF
YOU AND THE
OTHERS
USED IT.



YOUR FINGERS
ARE PALE SO
ANY COLOR
WOULD LOOK
GOOD ON
THEM.



WE HAVE
THE BLUE OF
FORGET-ME-
NOTS AND THE
YELLOW OF A
SUNFLOWER.

I CAN ALSO
MAKE RED,
ORANGE, PINK,
AND PURPLE.







I
REMEMBER
HOW SAD IT
MADE HER
WHEN SHE
DIRTIED HER
UNIFORM.

I AM
OVERFLOWING
WITH JOY.

BUT NOW
THAT I CAN
WORK IN THIS
CASTLE AND
WEAR THIS
PRETTY
UNIFORM...



I WAS
ECSTATIC
THAT YOU
HIRED ME...

AND GAVE
ME THIS
UNIFORM.

I ALWAYS
FELT LIKE I
HAD TO DENY
MYSELF ALL
THE PRETTY
THINGS I
WANTED.

SO...



Five days later.
Main castle,
Reception.

AND
THAT'S
WHAT I
NEED TO
CONVEY
NOW.

AND THIS IS
HOW YOU
APPLY IT TO
YOUR NAILS.

BA-
DUMP BA-
DUMP





IF WE MAKE IT FROM FLOWERS THAT CAN ONLY BE FOUND IN CERTAIN COUNTRIES...

WE CAN MAKE ABOUT THIS MUCH PROFIT WITH THAT.

TWO THOUSAND GOLD PER BOTTLE?

I THINK IT'S A GOOD IDEA.

I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH WE CAN TRUST HER NUMBERS, BUT IT LOOKS EASY ENOUGH TO MASS-PRODUCE.

WE CAN CHARGE MORE.

SIGH...

ははははは...

SHEESH, YOU GUYS ARE USELESS.



THERE IS ONLY ONE DECIDING FACTOR TO THIS.

IT'S OBVIOUS.

WHAT DO YOU THINK WE SHOULD DO?

THEN...

COSTS AND PROFITS...

IS THAT ALL YOU CAN SEE?

HE'S SO ADULT...

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アロアア

LMM...

PLEASE
DON'T BE
MANIPULATED
BY IDIOT MEN
IN THE
FUTURE.

COULD YOU
PLEASE GIVE
ME YOUR
OPINION?

LOVELY
LADIES...



THAT'S
FUN TOO!

THE RIGHT
HAND IS
HARDER TO
PAINT, SO WE
PAINT EACH
OTHER'S NAILS
AND...

BUT WHEN
I LOOK AT
THEM NOW,
I GET SO
EXCITED!

IT MAKES
ME FEEL LIKE
I CAN DO MY
JOB BETTER!

WE SEE
OUR HANDS
A LOT WHILE
WE'RE
WORKING.

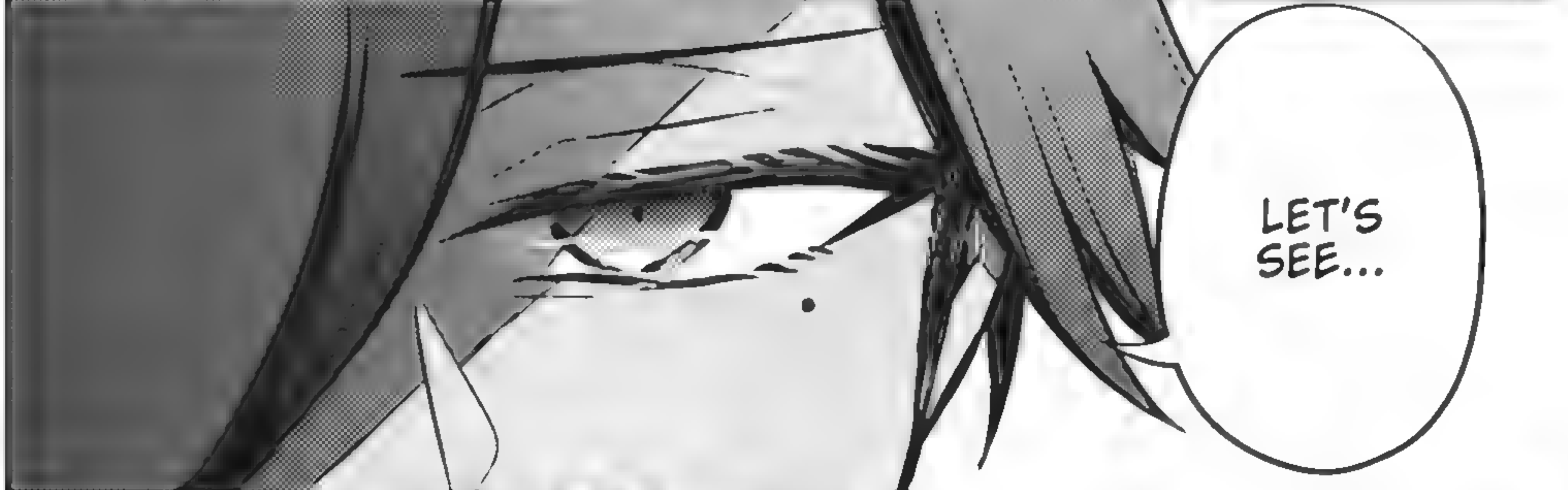






SO...

DOES THAT
MEAN LADY
RISHE
PASSED?



LET'S
SEE...



THIS IS A
ONE-OF-A-KIND
PRODUCT THAT
WILL SURELY
BE IN HIGH
DEMAND.

IF I'D COME
UP WITH THIS
MYSELF, I WOULD
HAVE RAISED THE
PRICE AND SOLD
IT TO ROYALTY.

W.T.
A.P.



THERE
ARE MANY
FACTORS
THAT GO INTO
THE FINAL
PRICE OF AN
ITEM.

IT DOESN'T
MATTER HOW
EASY AND
CHEAP IT IS
TO MAKE.



TO WHAT YOU
HAVE TO SAY.

I'LL
LISTEN...



SMILE
にーっ

THEN
ALLOW ME
TO FINALLY
GET DOWN TO
BUSINESS.

THANK YOU,
MR. TULLY.



THERE'S
MORE...?

SHUFFLE
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SHUFFLE
XII
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ALLOW
ME TO
CONTINUE.

NO.



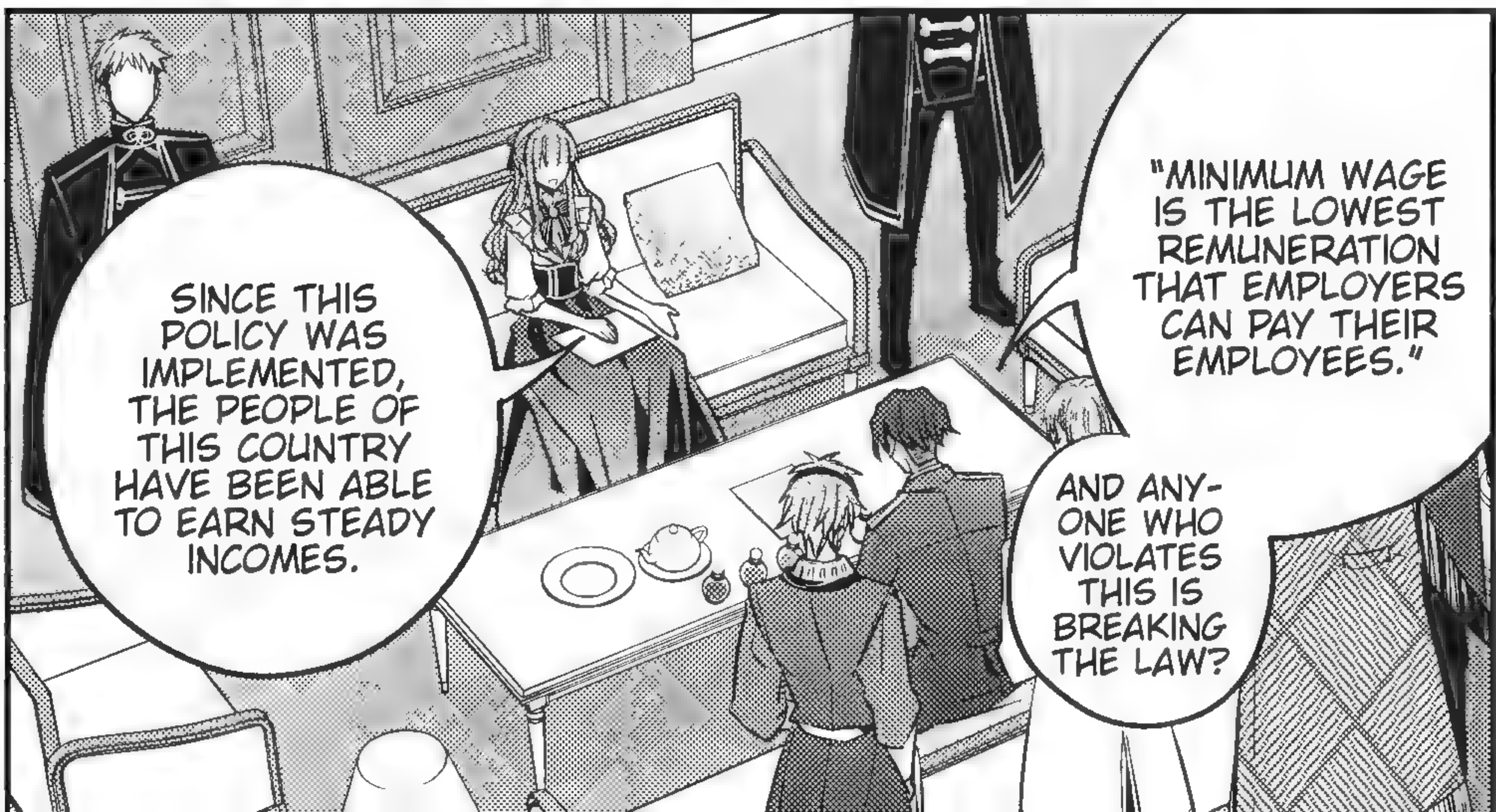
IF YOU
AGREE TO
CHANGE
YOUR
MIND...

AND
MAKE THIS
A HIGH-END
PRODUCT FOR
ARISTOCRATS
RATHER THAN
SOMETHING FOR
COMMONERS,
THEN YOU
PASS.



INTER-
ESTING.

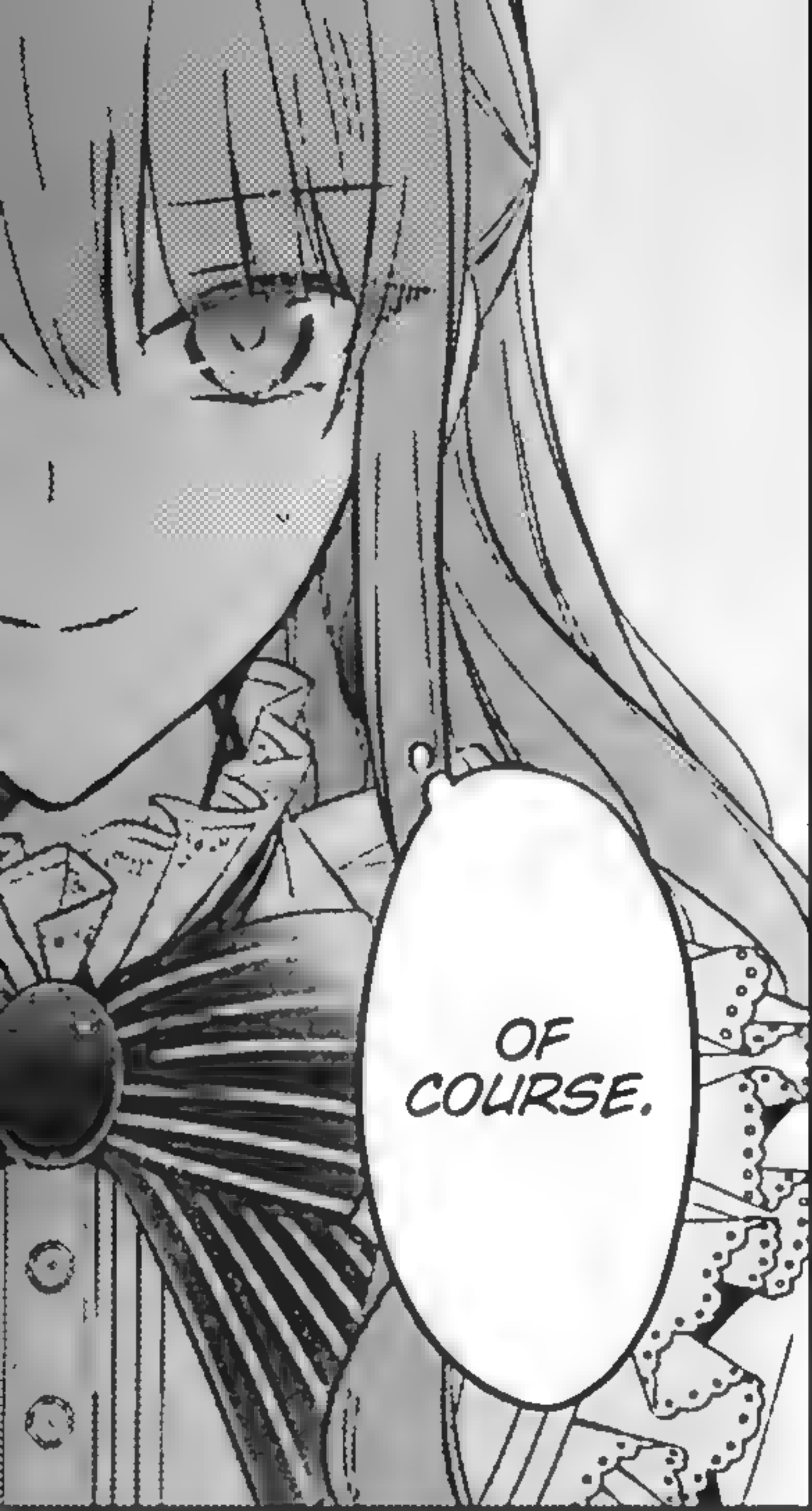
THREE
YEARS AGO,
THIS COUNTRY
ESTABLISHED
A MINIMUM
WAGE FOR ITS
CITIZENS.



SINCE THIS
POLICY WAS
IMPLEMENTED,
THE PEOPLE OF
THIS COUNTRY
HAVE BEEN ABLE
TO EARN STEADY
INCOMES.

"MINIMUM WAGE
IS THE LOWEST
REMUNERATION
THAT EMPLOYERS
CAN PAY THEIR
EMPLOYEES."

AND ANY-
ONE WHO
VIOLATES
THIS IS
BREAKING
THE LAW?



OF
COURSE.



"THE ONLY
ONES WHO
BENEFIT FROM
THIS ARE THE
EMPLOYEES."



THUS,
UNEMPLOY-
MENT IS A
PROBLEM.

HOWEVER,
SINCE
EMPLOYERS
BEAR THE
BURDEN OF
PAYING THESE
HIGHER
WAGES, THEY
TEND TO HIRE
AS FEW
PEOPLE AS
POSSIBLE.

BECAUSE
OF THIS LAW,
EMPLOYEES
CAN MAKE
SIGNIFICANTLY
MORE MONEY.



AS WELL
AS THE COST
OF LARGE-
SCALE MASS-
PRODUCTION,
WILL BE
RELATIVELY
CHEAP.

AS YOU CAN
SEE FROM MY
DOCUMENTS,
THE COST
OF MATERIAL
ACQUISITION
AND DISTRIBUTION...

THERE ARE
STILL PEOPLE
WHO CAN'T
FIND JOBS TO
PAY FOR THEIR
FOOD.



YOU'VE BEEN IMPRESSING US SO FAR, SO WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO MAKE US DO?



EXCEPT FOR LABOR COSTS, OF COURSE.

WELL, WELL...

I THINK I UNDERSTAND WHERE THIS IS GOING BUT I'LL KEEP LISTENING.



ON THE CONDITION THAT YOU AGREE TO EMPLOY PEOPLE FROM POORER AREAS WHERE THERE ARE NO WORK OPPORTUNITIES.

I WILL AGREE TO DETAIL THE TECHNIQUES NECESSARY TO CREATE THIS PRODUCT...



HEH...

BUT I
HAVE TO
SAY...

WHAT AN
HONORABLE
THING TO
DO.

I'M
DISAPPOINTED
IN YOU, MISS
RISHE.



A GREEDY
MERCHANT
LIKE ME WON'T
BE SATISFIED
WITH THAT,
THOUGH.

IF YOU WANT
ME TO DO
CHARITY WORK,
WAIT UNTIL
I BECOME A
PRIEST.



KAINE
TULLY! IT IS
UNACCEPTABLE
TO SPEAK TO
THE CROWN
PRINCESS IN
SUCH A WAY!

NO, IT'S
OKAY.



IT WON'T
BE AS
LUCRATIVE
AS SELLING
TO ARISTO-
CRATS, BUT
THERE WILL
STILL BE
PLENTY OF
PROFIT.



MR. TULLY.

WHAT?

THIS ISN'T
CHARITY, IT'S
A BUSINESS.



INSTEAD OF
CHOOSING OUR
CUSTOMERS...

WE CAN
MAKE THEM.



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All right,
Rishe.

Be a
merchant
people
want to
buy from.

Make
sure you
understand
the people
you do
business
with.

No
matter how
important
the person
is, don't do
business with
them if there's
no profit to
be had.

Give them
deals they
can't
refuse.

CHAPTER 12

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I Didn't
Want to Do This

That
way...



MAKE OUR
CUSTOM-
ERS...?

"WE CAN
AFFORD TO
BE CHOOSY
ABOUT OUR
CUSTOMERS."



I ONCE
HEARD
SOMEONE
SAY...



HIGH
PROFITS,
MINIMAL
LOSSES...
SUCH WAS
THE BUSINESS
PLAN I'D
PROMISED TO
DELIVER.

JUST DAYS
AGO, I WAS
TRYING TO
SOLVE MY
PROBLEM BY
THINKING LIKE
A MERCHANT.

"THE BEST
MERCHANTS
GET TO
CHOOSE THEIR
CUSTOMERS."



THE MERCHANTS
DID AS WELL.

I HEARD
ABOUT
THAT.

GALKHEIN
USED A
LARGE AMOUNT
OF THEIR
GOVERNMENT
SPENDING TO
INVEST IN THE
SLUMS.

THE CROWN
PRINCE'S
NEW POLICIES
SAVED MANY
LIVES.



BUT WHEN I
LEARNED OF
THE MEASURES
TAKEN BY PRINCE
ARNOLD, THINGS
BECAME MORE
COMPLICATED,
AND I FELT
HESITANT ABOUT
MY PLANS.

Is this
really
going
to be
enough?



DRIP
3
?

I FELT
HEARTLESS
AFTER HEARING
WHAT ELSIE
HAD TO SAY.



YES.

IF THE
ROYALS
HAD ONLY
WORRIED ABOUT
THEMSELVES,
THE
COMMONERS
WOULD HAVE
STARVED.

IT'S
THEIR TAXES
THAT FUND
THE ROYALS'
LIVELIHOOD,
AFTER ALL.

THEY CAN LIVE OUT THEIR LIVES WITHOUT THROWING AWAY THEIR DREAMS.

IT CAN LEAD TO THEIR PROSPERITY AS WELL.

THAT CIRCULATION IS WHAT WILL MAKE THIS TRADING COMPANY MORE PROFITABLE.

THE PEOPLE WHO NEVER HAD ANY MONEY TO SPEND WILL BE ABLE TO BUY WHATEVER THEY WANT.

THEN THERE WILL BE MORE CLIENTS AND MERCHANTS WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE MORE SALES.

WE CAN MAKE THIS COUNTRY MORE PROSPEROUS AND PROFITABLE.

EVEN THESE PEOPLE CAN HAVE HOPE.

ALL OF THE ITEMS FOR SALE FROM THE ARIA TRADING COMPANY ARE GREAT PRODUCTS.

IF THERE ARE MORE CUSTOMERS IN THE MARKETS, THEN YOU WILL MAKE EVEN MORE PROFIT.

HA...

I NEED TO BE DOING BUSINESS AS A CROWN PRINCESS.

IF WE GIVE THESE PEOPLE A JOB...

THEY COULD LIVE WITHOUT WORRYING ABOUT SURVIVING ONE MORE DAY.

CAN'T BE CUSTOMERS TO MOST MERCHANTS.

PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN THE SLUMS, WHO CAN BARELY AFFORD TO FEED THEMSELVES...

I SHOULDN'T BE DOING BUSINESS AS A MERCHANT RIGHT NOW...



I LIKE IT!
I LIKE IT!

HA HA HA
HA HA!

HA
HA...



"DON'T CHOOSE
CUSTOMERS,
MAKE YOUR
OWN!!"

SO WHAT
YOU'RE
SAYING IS...



IN THIS SITUATION, I DON'T HAVE MANY OPTIONS.

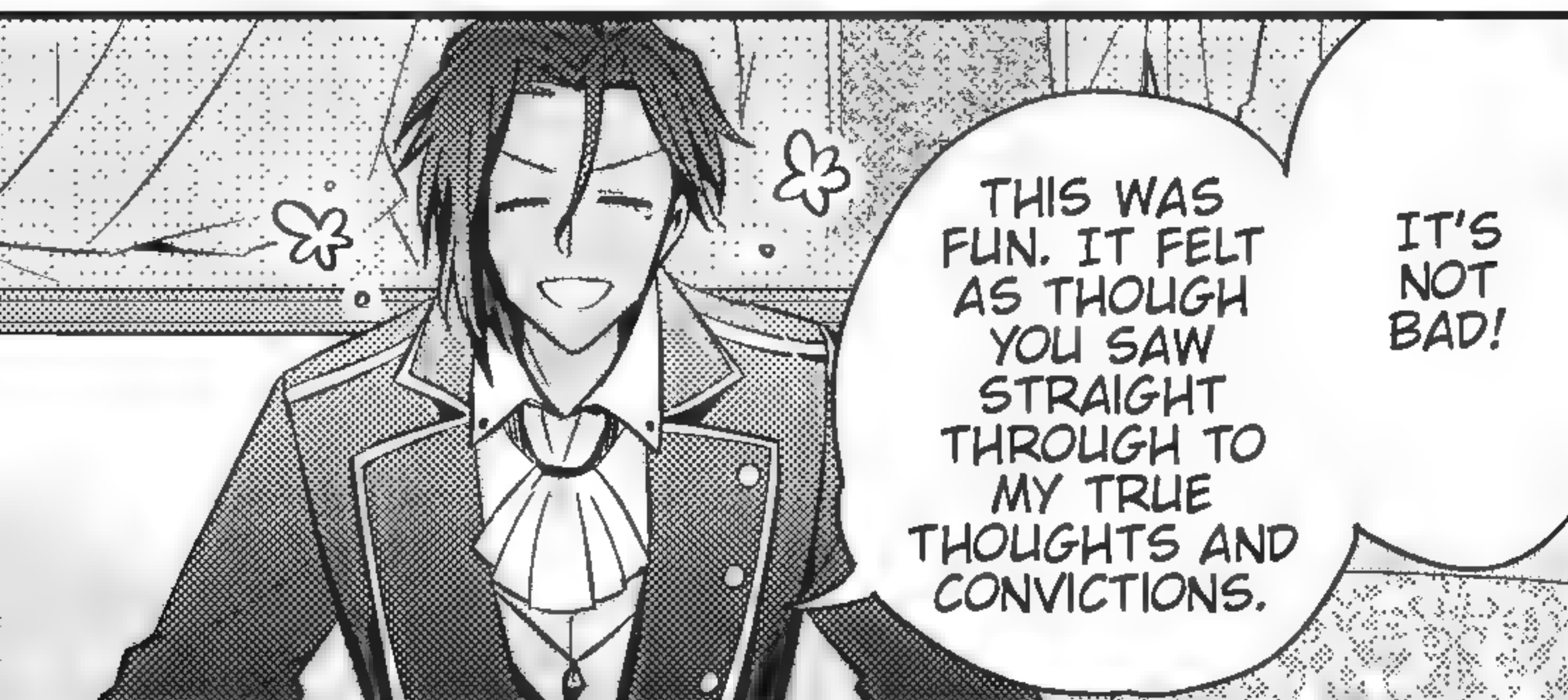
I DON'T THINK THIS IS THE BEST SOLUTION, BUT...



TAX REVENUE FOR GALKHEIN WILL INCREASE...

AND THE FUTURE CROWN PRINCESS WILL SKIM A LITTLE OFF THE TOP.

THAT'S AWFULLY BLUNT...



THIS WAS FUN. IT FELT AS THOUGH YOU SAW STRAIGHT THROUGH TO MY TRUE THOUGHTS AND CONVICTIONS.

IT'S NOT BAD!



YOU'RE STILL INEXPERIENCED.

BUT MISS RISHE...



YOU'RE TOO
DESPERATE IN
THE PRESENCE
OF A MERE
MERCHANT.

I'VE
TOLD YOU
BEFORE.



ANOTHER ONE OF
BOSS'S BAD HABITS...

HEY, BOSS,
CUT IT OUT.

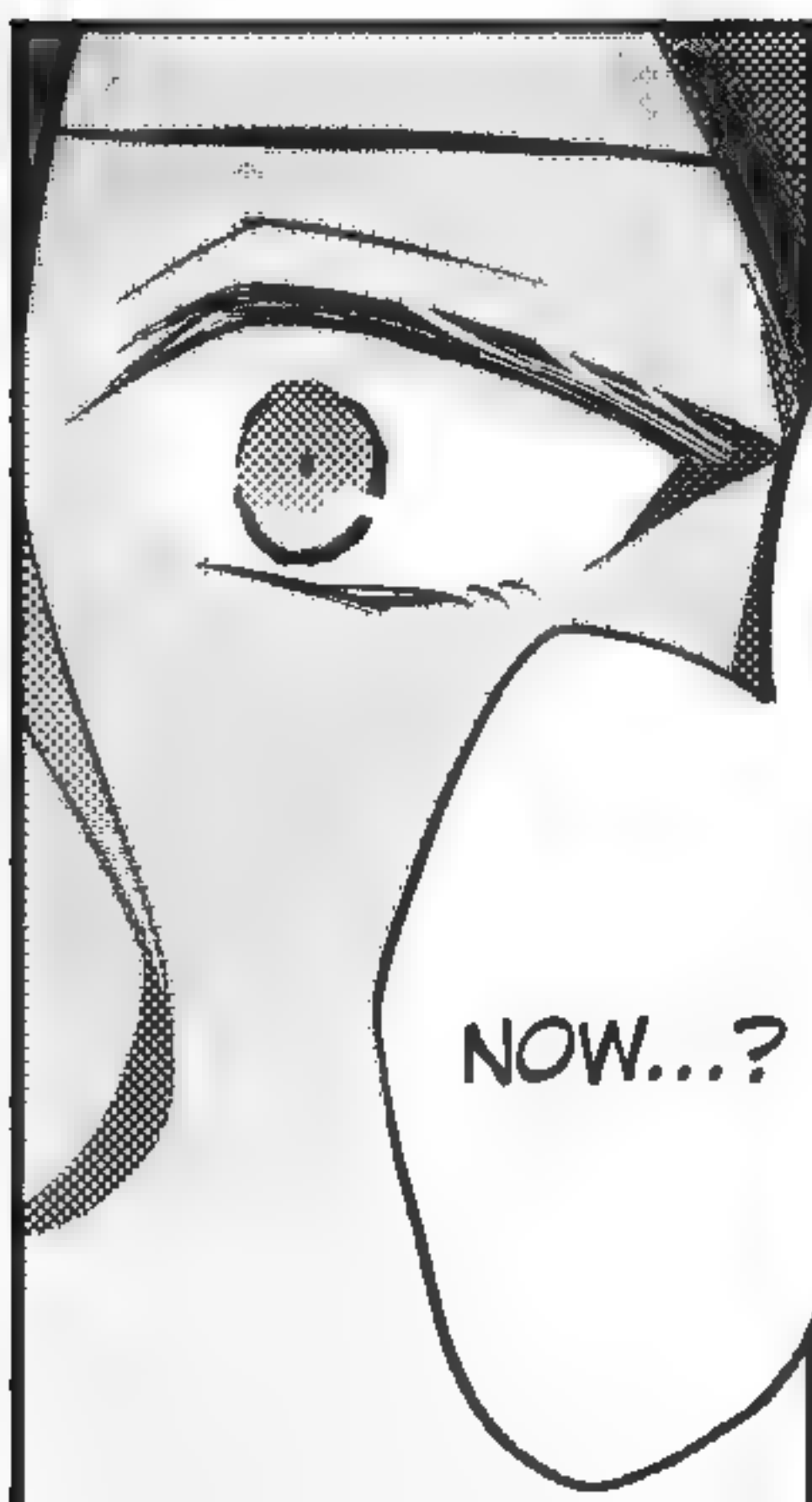
YOU'RE
TALKING TO
THE CROWN
PRINCESS...



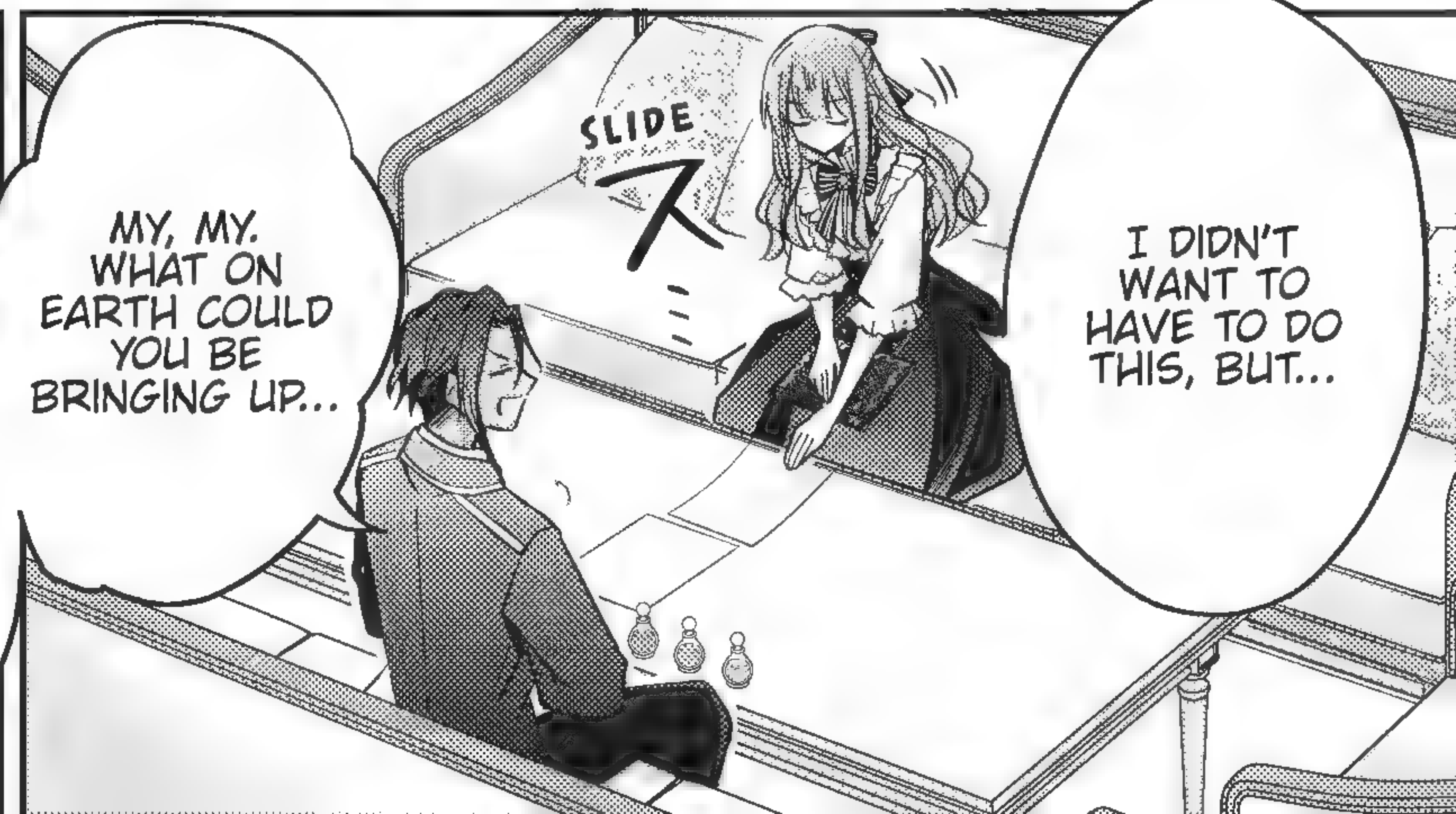
I'M GOING
TO USE
THAT...

I DON'T
UNDERSTAND
WHY, BUT FOR
SOME REASON
YOU REALLY
WANT TO WORK
WITH US.

AND
SQUEEZE
EVERYTHING
I CAN OUT
OF YOU.



NOW...?



MY, MY.
WHAT ON
EARTH COULD
YOU BE
BRINGING UP...

I DIDN'T
WANT TO
HAVE TO DO
THIS, BUT...



MISS
RISHE...

WHAT'S
WRONG,
MR.
TULLY?

HOW DO YOU
KNOW ABOUT
THIS?!



I'M
SORRY.

I DID
SOME EXTRA
RESEARCH
ON YOU.

THIS
IS...



THE
NAMESAKE
OF THE ARIA
TRADING
COMPANY.
A HAPPY,
INNOCENT
TEN-YEAR-
OLD GIRL.

ARIA
TULLY.

ARIA...



AS THE
ONLY FAMILY
MEMBER TULLY
HAS LEFT, HE
LOVES HER
DEARLY...

SHE
TREATED ME
LIKE I WAS
HER OLDER
SISTER.

SHE'S
NOTHING
LIKE HER
BROTHER.
SHE'S WELL-
BEHAVED
AND FULL OF
CURIOSITY.

COMBINING
THESE HERBS WILL
CREATE A MEDICINE
KNOWN TO THE
EASTERN KINGDOM
OF RENHUA.

AS WRITTEN IN
THE DOCUMENT,
I AM CURRENTLY
CULTIVATING MANY
DIFFERENT KINDS
OF MEDICINAL
HERBS.

WHICH IS
WHY HE'S
TRAVELING THE
WORLD TRYING
TO FIND A CURE
FOR HER
ILLNESS.

GARDEN
WAIT, DOES
SHE MEAN
THAT?!

AS YOU CAN
SEE, IT WILL
HELP WITH YOUR
SISTER, ARIA
TULLY'S,
CONDITION.

BUT HOW DO
YOU KNOW ABOUT
RENHUA'S HIGHLY
CONFIDENTIAL
HERBALISM?

WE'VE GONE
AROUND TO
PLENTY OF
DOCTORS.

IT'S NOT
STRANGE
THAT PEOPLE
KNOW ABOUT
ARIA'S
ILLNESS.



IN REALITY, I
WAS TAUGHT
BY A MASTER
FROM RENHUA
DURING MY
LIFE AS AN
APOTHECARY.

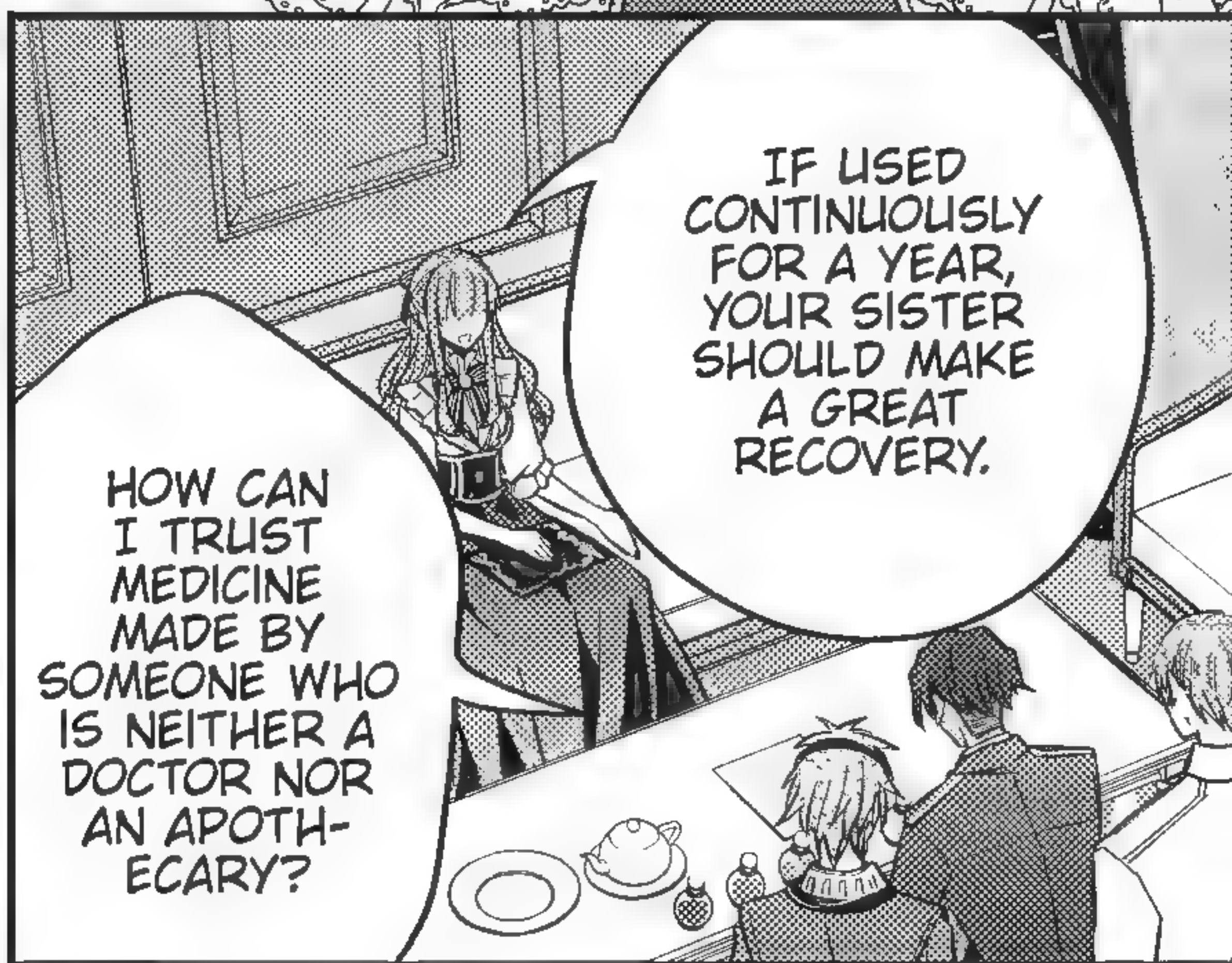
I LEARNED
ABOUT
RENHUA'S
HERBALISM
FROM HER.

THE
APOTHECARY
WHO WOULD
COME TO OUR
HOUSE WAS
FROM THAT
COUNTRY.



BY
MEDICINE,
YOU
MEAN...

.....!



HOW CAN
I TRUST
MEDICINE
MADE BY
SOMEONE WHO
IS NEITHER A
DOCTOR NOR
AN APOTHE-
ECARY?

IF USED
CONTINUOUSLY
FOR A YEAR,
YOUR SISTER
SHOULD MAKE
A GREAT
RECOVERY.

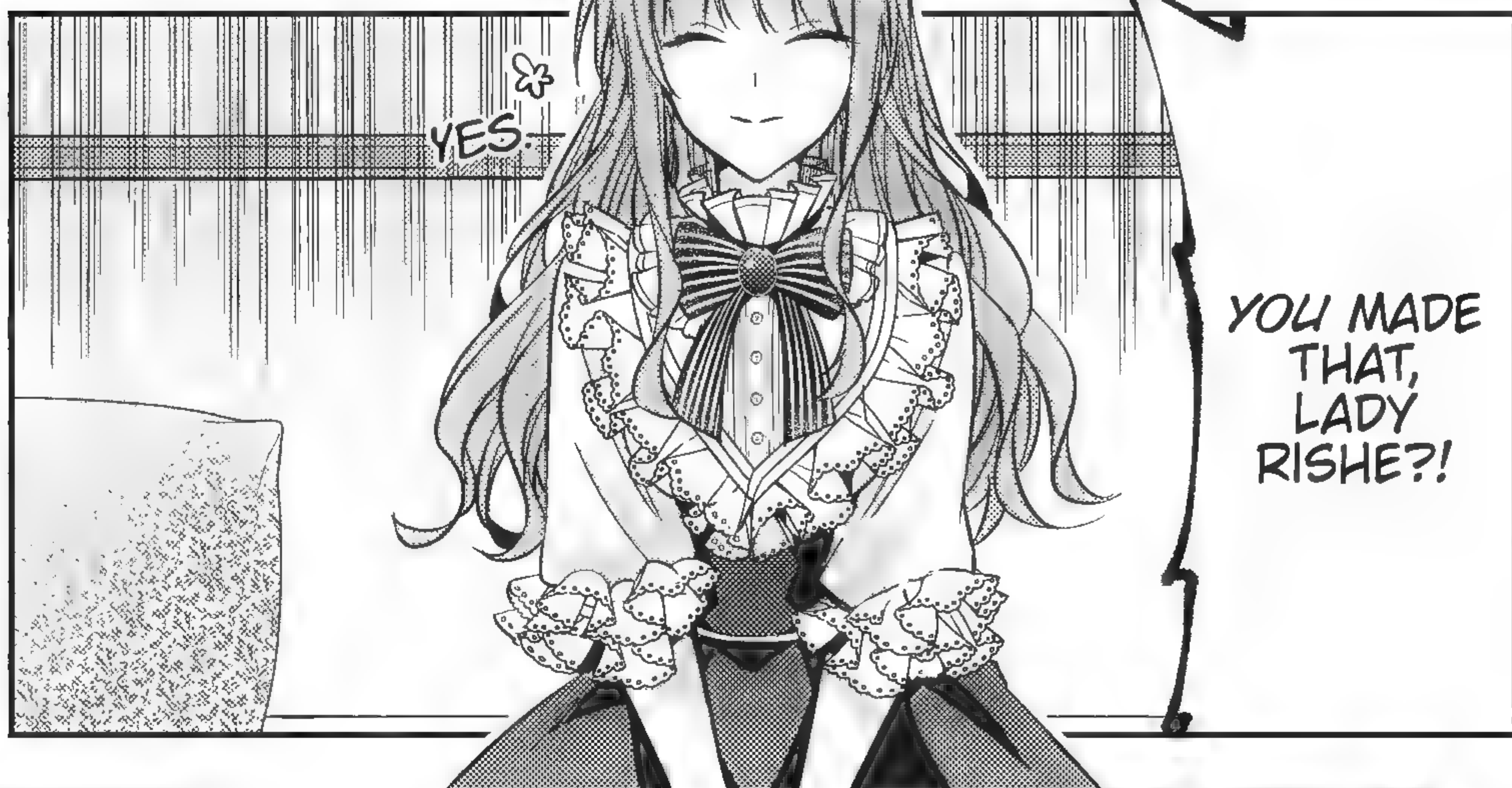


DID THE
MEDICINE I
GAVE YOU THE
OTHER DAY
HELP AT ALL?



WE WERE ALL
PREPARED FOR
A HANGOVER,
BUT WE FELT
SO MUCH
BETTER AFTER
THAT...

THE STUFF
WE TOOK
THE MORNING
AFTER
GETTING
DRUNK?!



✧
YES~

YOU MADE
THAT,
LADY
RISHE?!



THIS IS
WHAT I TELL
MY MEN.

"BE A
MERCHANT
PEOPLE
WANT
TO BUY
FROM."

"OFFER THEM
PRODUCTS
AND PRICES
THEY CAN'T
REFUSE."





I'LL GIVE
YOU THE
INFORMA-
TION
REGARD-
LESS.

PLEASE
DON'T GET
ME WRONG.

SO
PLEASE,
GIVE
ME THIS
MEDI-
CINE...



I WON'T MAKE
YOU SIGN THIS
CONTRACT IN
EXCHANGE.

I PLAN
TO GIVE
YOU THE
INGREDIENTS
NEEDED TO
MAKE THE
MEDICINE
AS WELL.

HUH?



I DON'T WANT
TO IMPEDE
YOUR SISTER'S
RECOVERY.

I
SUPPOSE
I COULD,
BUT...

I THOUGHT
YOU WERE
GOING TO
BLACKMAIL US
WITH THIS?!

WHAT ARE
YOU TALKING
ABOUT?!



I WANT
YOU TO
UNDERSTAND
THAT...

I CARE ABOUT
THE INDIVIDUALS
AND FAMILIES
THAT LIVE IN
THE SLUMS.

LIKE THE
FASHIONABLE
ELSIE, WHO
FINDS GREAT
ENJOYMENT...

IN SELECTING
DRESSES AND
STYLING HAIR
EVERY DAY.

"I'VE NEVER
SEEN ANYTHING
THIS BEAUTIFUL
'BEFORE.'"

THERE
ARE
PLENTY
OF BIG
BROTHERS
AND SISTERS
WHO
SACRIFICE
THEIR
DREAMS...

IN ORDER
TO MAKE
SURE THEIR
SIBLINGS
CAN EAT
WELL...

"I'M
HAPPY."

"I'M SO
HAPPY."

SO THEY DON'T
BECOME SICK.

SQUEEZE

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THERE'S
NOT MUCH
I CAN DO.

I BELIEVE
THAT IT IS
THE DUTY
OF THIS
COUNTRY TO
SAVE THEM,
BUT...

I DON'T
HAVE ANY
POWER AS
THE CROWN
PRINCESS.

MR. TULLY
CAN BUILD
A BIGGER
BUSINESS
THAN I EVER
COULD.

AND IF
IT WERE PRINCE
ARNOLD, I'M
SURE HE WOULD
USE HIS
COMPANY TO
DEVELOP BOLD
AND
SIGNIFICANT
MEASURES.

I DON'T
SEE IT AS
THE TABLES
TURNING.



MAYBE
HE'LL CALL
ME NAIVE.

SO PLEASE,
MR. TULLY.

ARE YOU
WILLING TO
MAKE A DEAL
WITH ME NOW?

IF I
WERE STILL
LIVING AS A
MERCHANT
AND
WORKING
FOR TULLY...

HE PROBABLY
WOULD'VE NEVER
LET ME GO
INDEPENDENT.

TMP

Tully





I'VE
JUST NOW
REALIZED HOW
IMMATURE
I AM.

BUT
HERE I AM,
ARROGANTLY
SAYING THAT
I WANT TO
CHOOSE MY
CUSTOMERS.

A
MERCHANT'S
JOB IS TO
BETTER THE
LIVES OF THE
PEOPLE HE
TRADES WITH.



BUT YOU
ARE RIGHT.

THERE ARE
PLENTY OF
CHILDREN IN
SITUATIONS
SIMILAR TO MY
SISTER'S.

TO BE
HONEST,
I DIDN'T
CARE WHAT
HAPPENED
TO THEM.

I'VE NEVER
SOLD TO THE
PEOPLE OF
THE SLUMS
BEFORE.





IS FAR MORE
HONORABLE
THAN WHAT
PEOPLE LIKE
ME COME
UP WITH!

THE TYPE OF
BUSINESS YOU
WANT TO DEAL
IN, THAT OF
HELPING TO
ENRICH THE
LIVES OF
OTHERS...



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THEN...
DOES THAT
MEAN...?

THE MATTER
OF MY SISTER'S
MEDICATION ASIDE,
I WOULD LIKE TO
APOLOGIZE FOR
MY ARROGANCE.



WILL
PROVIDE
YOU WITH
ANYTHING
YOU WISH
FOR.

THE ARIA
TRADING
COMPANY...

I HEREBY
DECLARE,
UNDER
THE NAME
OF KAINE
TULLY...



I'M SO GLAD.

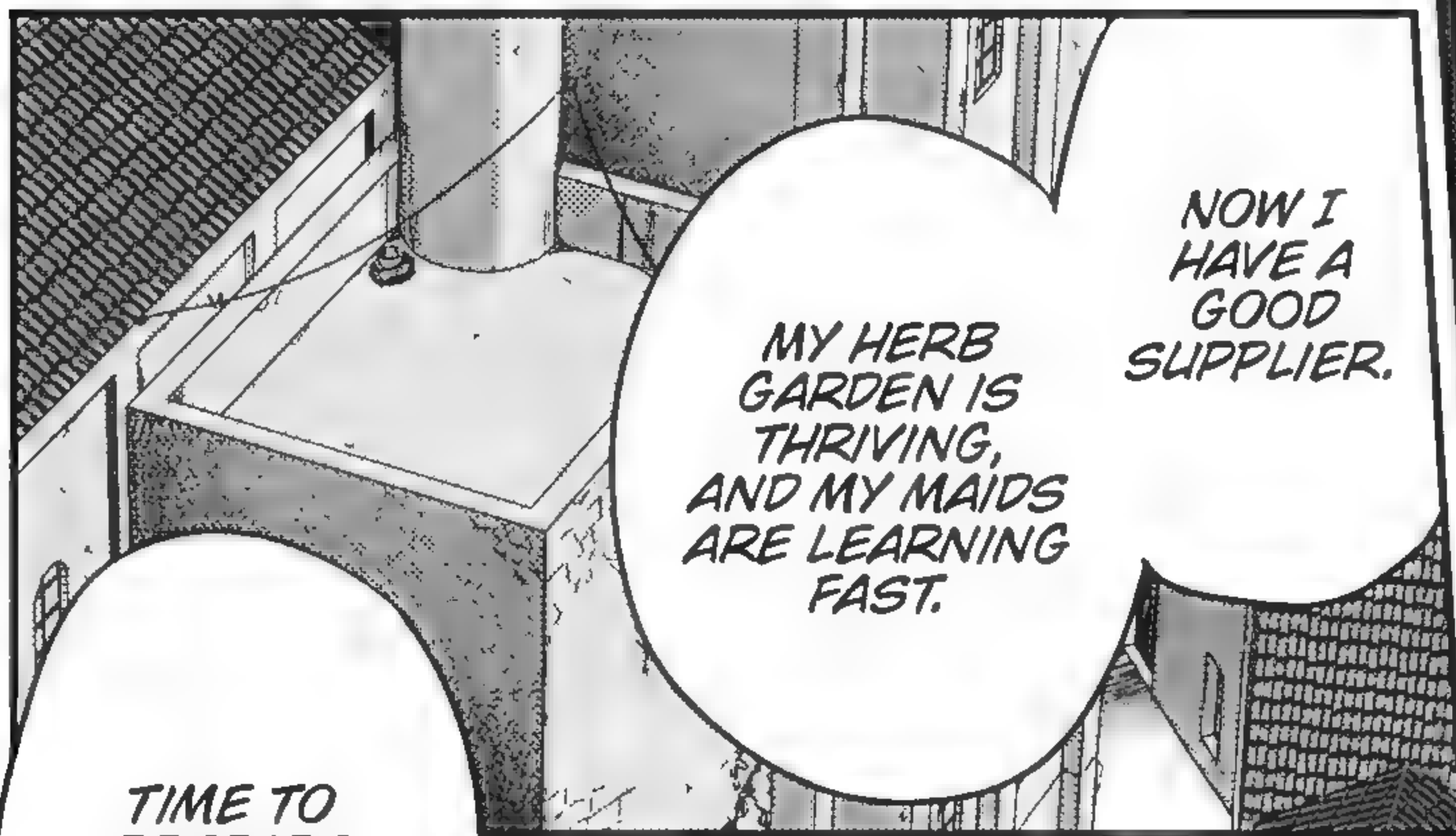
PHEW...

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THANK YOU!



TIME TO PREPARE FOR WHAT COMES NEXT.

MY HERB GARDEN IS THRIVING, AND MY MAIDS ARE LEARNING FAST.

NOW I HAVE A GOOD SUPPLIER.



THROB





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DOES ANYONE ELSE KNOW ABOUT THIS?

SHE'S A BIT PALE AND HAS DIFFICULTY SITTING UP.

HOW IS LADY RISHE DOING?

MY PARTNER KAMIL IS TAKING CARE OF HER.

LADY RISHE ASKED US TO CALL HER HANDMAIDEN, ELSIE.

NOBODY ELSE KNOWS ABOUT THIS INCIDENT.

WELL DONE.

TMP

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I'VE BEEN ORDERED BY HIS HIGHNESS TO KEEP ANYTHING THAT HAPPENS TO LADY RISHE CONFIDENTIAL.

I'LL HAVE TO TREAD LIGHTLY.

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CHAPTER 13

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Can You Let Me Through?

WE'VE
BEEN
WAITING
FOR YOU...

KNOCK
KNOCK



AHH,
DOMINIC. IT'S
BEEN THREE
DAYS SINCE
I SAW YOU
LAST, RIGHT?

PRINCE
THEODORE.

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I HEARD
THAT LENA
HAD HER
BABY.

THAT'S
WONDERFUL
NEWS.



IT'S ALL
THANKS TO
YOUR SUPPORT,
PRINCE
THEODORE.

HA HA
HA!

YOU
DON'T NEED
TO SAY
THAT.

THE PEOPLE
OF THE SLUMS
HELP ME JUST
AS MUCH.

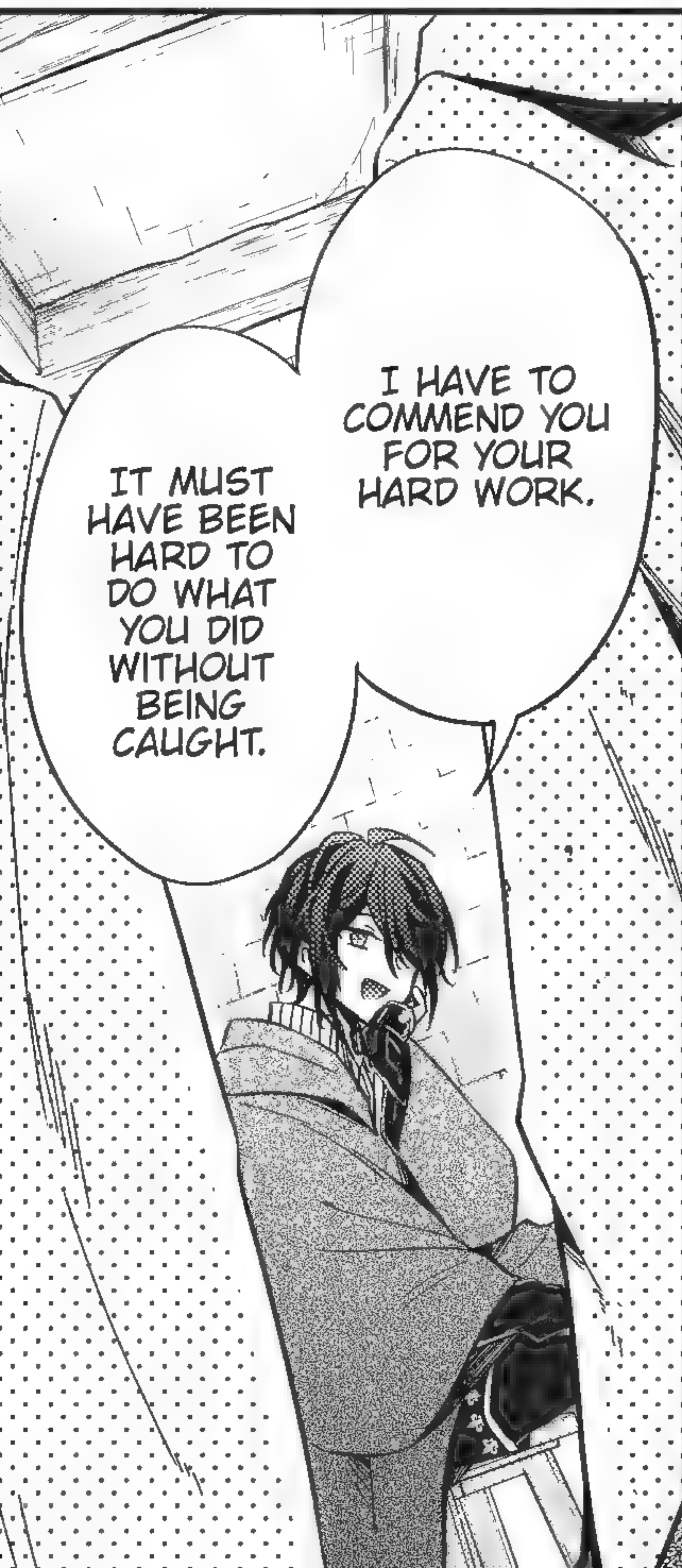
Heh...



YOUR WISH
IS OUR
COMMAND,
PRINCE
THEODORE.



THANKS FOR
ABDUCTING THE
FUTURE CROWN
PRINCESS.



IT MUST
HAVE BEEN
HARD TO
DO WHAT
YOU DID
WITHOUT
BEING
CAUGHT.

I HAVE TO
COMMEND YOU
FOR YOUR
HARD WORK.



WHOA!

I'M GLAD
YOU'RE
THINKING
AHEAD.

WHAT
WOULD YOU
LIKE US TO
DO WITH
HER?

WE WERE
LUCKY
SHE GOT
SICK AND
FAINTED.



WE'RE IN
NO RUSH
THOUGH.



ELSIE.

KAMIL.

IT
WAS ALL
THANKS
TO YOU.

YOUR WISH
IS OUR
COMMAND,
PRINCE
THEODORE.



THIS FEELS
GREAT!

I'M SURE MY
BROTHER IS
PANICKING
RIGHT NOW.



YOU ARE MY FRIEND, SO I WAS THRILLED WHEN YOU WERE KNIGHTED, BUT...

I FELT UNEASY WHEN YOU WERE CHOSEN TO BE MY BROTHER'S ROYAL GUARD.

PEOPLE KEPT SAYING, "PRINCE THEODORE THREW A FIT BECAUSE HE WANTED HIS BROTHER'S GUARD FOR HIMSELF."



GUARDING MY FUTURE SISTER-IN-LAW COULDN'T HAVE BEEN EASY, KAMIL.

IT WAS NO TROUBLE.

IT WAS THE MOST CONVENIENT WAY FOR US TO CARRY OUT YOUR ORDERS.



IT WAS THE PERFECT OPPORTUNITY.

YOU EARNED MY SISTER-IN-LAW'S TRUST.



ELSIE, YOU'RE LOOKING A BIT HEALTHIER.

I HEARD YOU'RE EATING BETTER, I'M GLAD.

ALL THANKS TO YOUR RECOMMENDATION THAT I BECOME LADY RISHE'S HAND-MAIDEN.



I LOOK
FORWARD
TO OUR
CONTINUED
PARTNER-
SHIP.

I'M VERY
GRATEFUL
FOR YOUR
WORK.



THEO!

HEY, WIM.
IS YOUR
BABYSITTING
MISSION GOING
WELL?

OF
COURSE!

I'M GOING TO
PROTECT ANNA
UNTIL MOM
COMES HOME
FROM WORK!



WHAAAT?

I WANT
TO SAY HI
TO MOM
THOUGH...

IT'S LATE.
YOUR NEXT
MISSION IS TO
GO TO BED,
I THINK.

IT'S AN
IMPOR-
TANT JOB
TO SLEEP
NEXT TO
YOUR LITTLE
SISTER AS
WELL.

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YOU'RE SUCH
A GOOD BIG
BROTHER.



SWEET
DREAMS.

GOOD
NIGHT,
THEO!



OKAY...

IF THEO
SAYS SO, I'LL
CONTINUE MY
MISSION BY
GOING TO BED.



PRINCE
THEO-
DORE...

MY BROTHER
NEVER DID
ANYTHING LIKE
THAT FOR ME.



I WAS WITH
MY LATE
MOTHER
DOING SOME
CHARITY
WORK.

THE FIRST
TIME I
STEPPED
FOOT IN THE
SLUMS...



THIS IS THE
IMPERIAL
CAPITAL'S
GARBAGE
DUMP.



THIS IS MY
COUNTER-
ATTACK.



TO MY OLDER
BROTHER,
I AM THE
SAME AS THE
PEOPLE HERE.



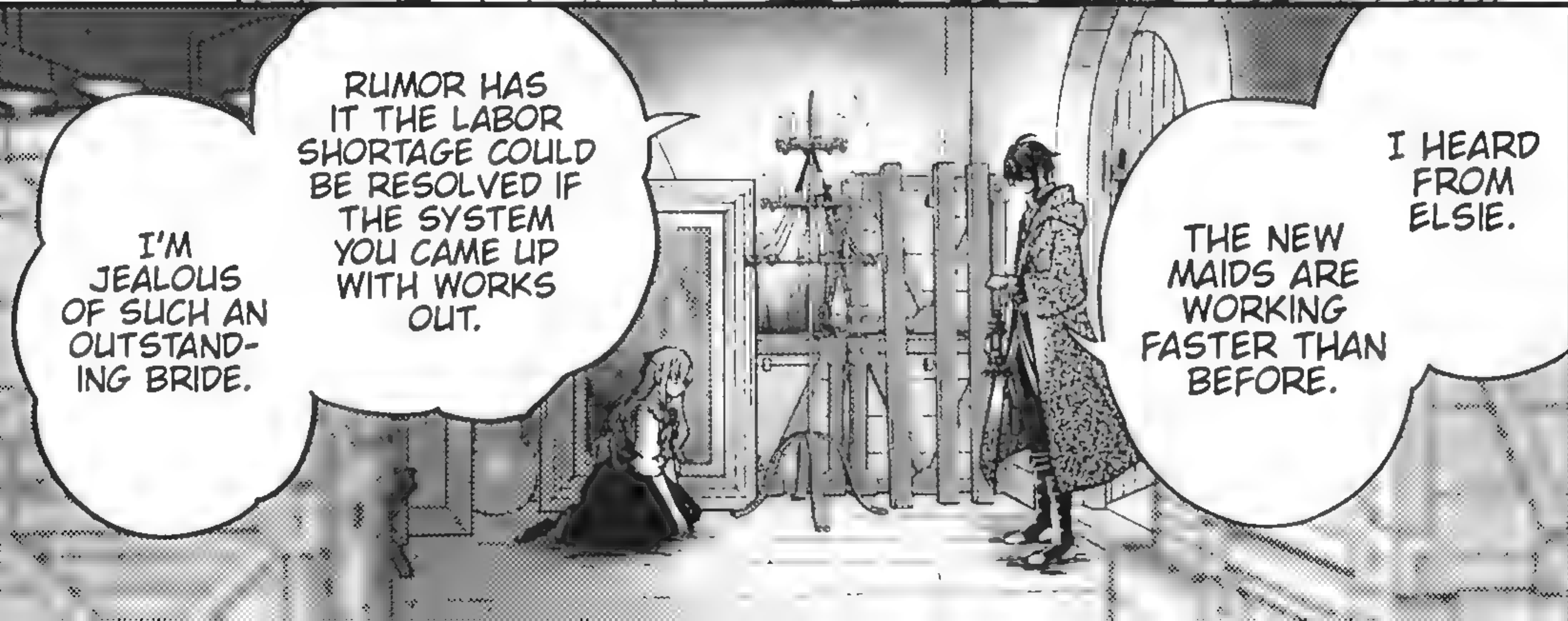
HOW DO YOU FEEL NOW THAT YOU'VE BEEN BETRAYED BY YOUR GUARDS AND MAIDS?

HEY, SISTER.



PRINCE THEODORE...

AH...

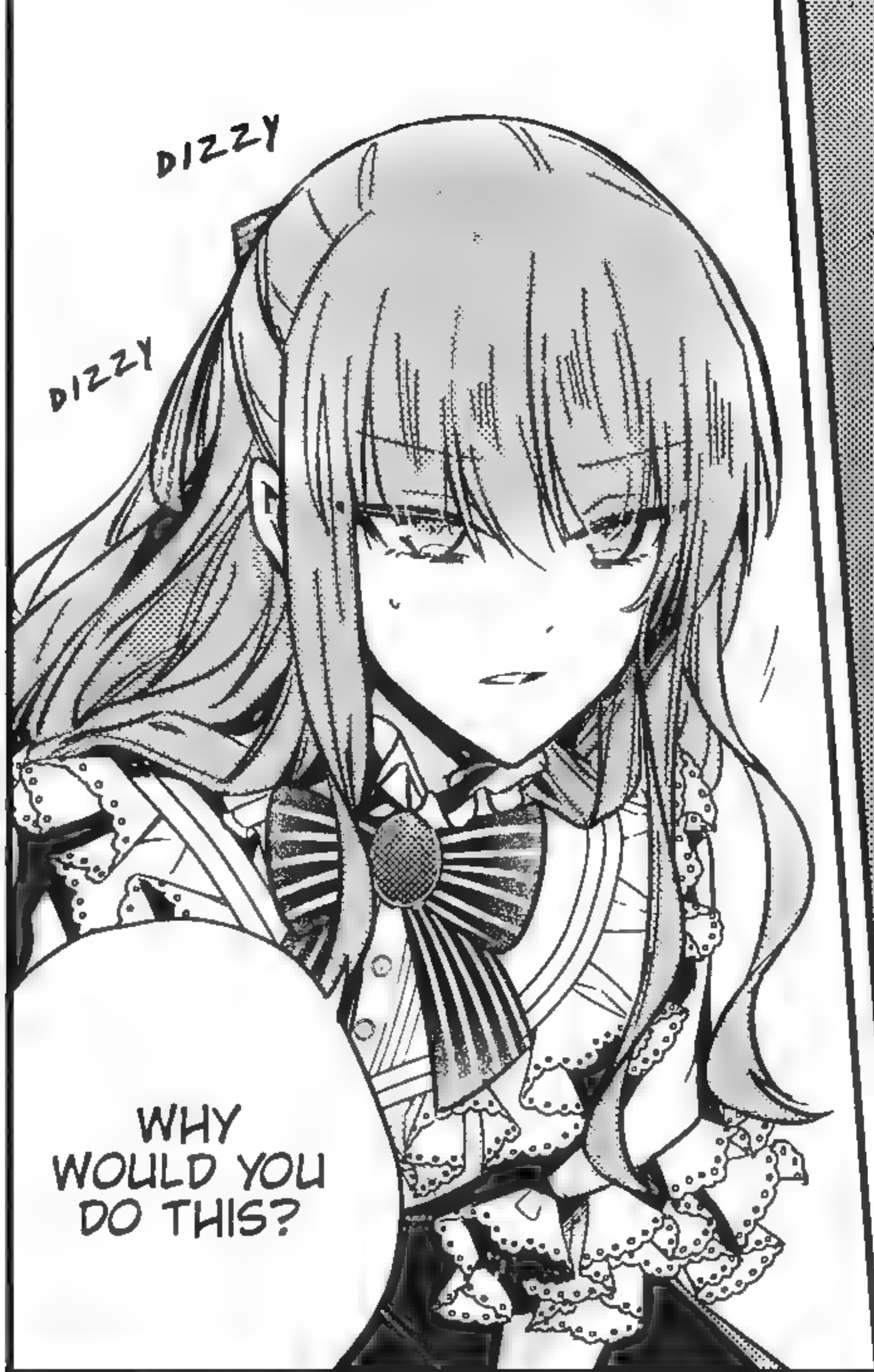


I'M JEALOUS OF SUCH AN OUTSTANDING BRIDE.

RUMOR HAS IT THE LABOR SHORTAGE COULD BE RESOLVED IF THE SYSTEM YOU CAME UP WITH WORKS OUT.

THE NEW MAIDS ARE WORKING FASTER THAN BEFORE.

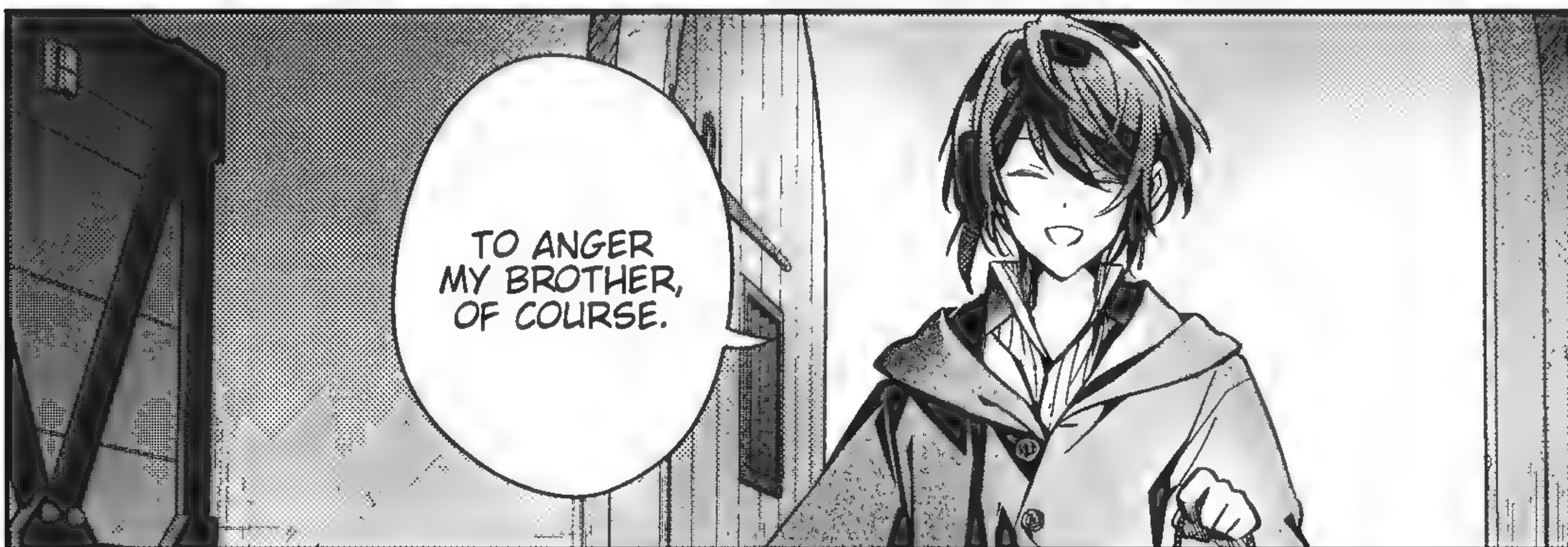
I HEARD FROM ELSIE.



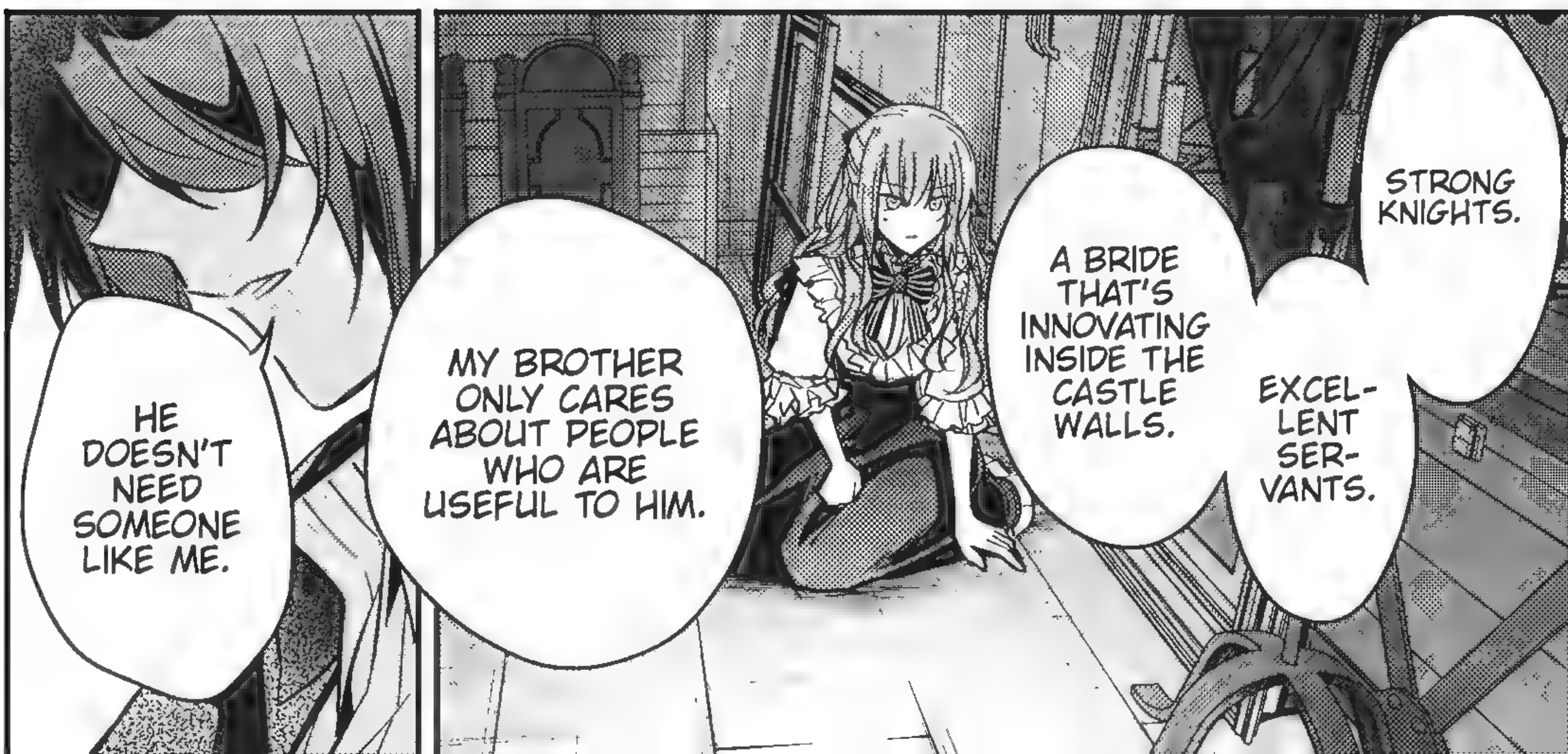
WHY
WOULD YOU
DO THIS?



YOU'RE
SOMEONE
MY BROTHER
NEEDS.



TO ANGER
MY BROTHER,
OF COURSE.



HE
DOESN'T
NEED
SOMEONE
LIKE ME.

MY BROTHER
ONLY CARES
ABOUT PEOPLE
WHO ARE
USEFUL TO HIM.

A BRIDE
THAT'S
INNOVATING
INSIDE THE
CASTLE
WALLS.

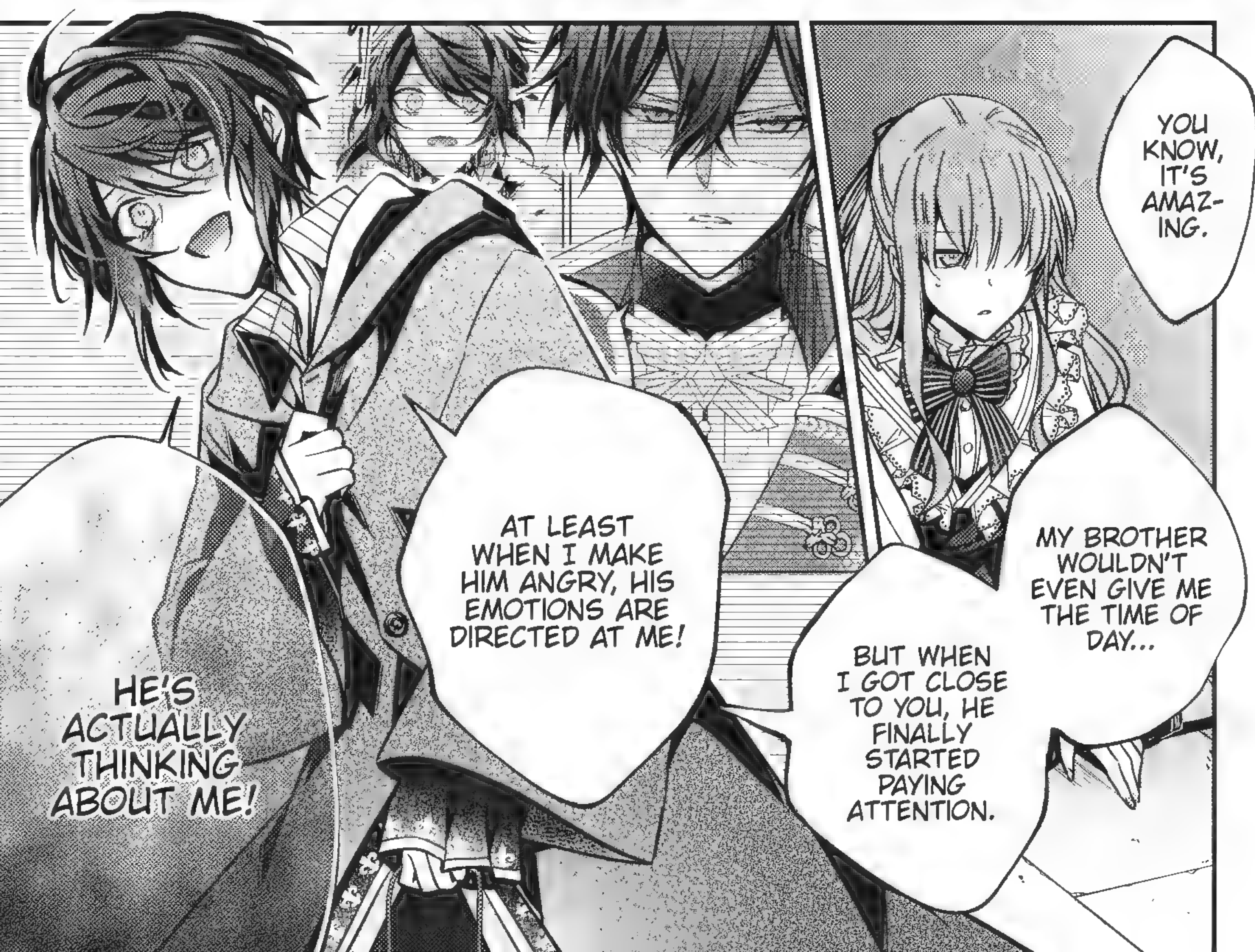
EXCEL-
LENT
SER-
VANTS.

STRONG
KNIGHTS.



IF I DON'T
DO THAT,
HE'LL NEVER
LOOK AT
ME...

THE LEAST
I CAN DO IS
MAKE HIM
HATE ME
MORE THAN
ANYONE.



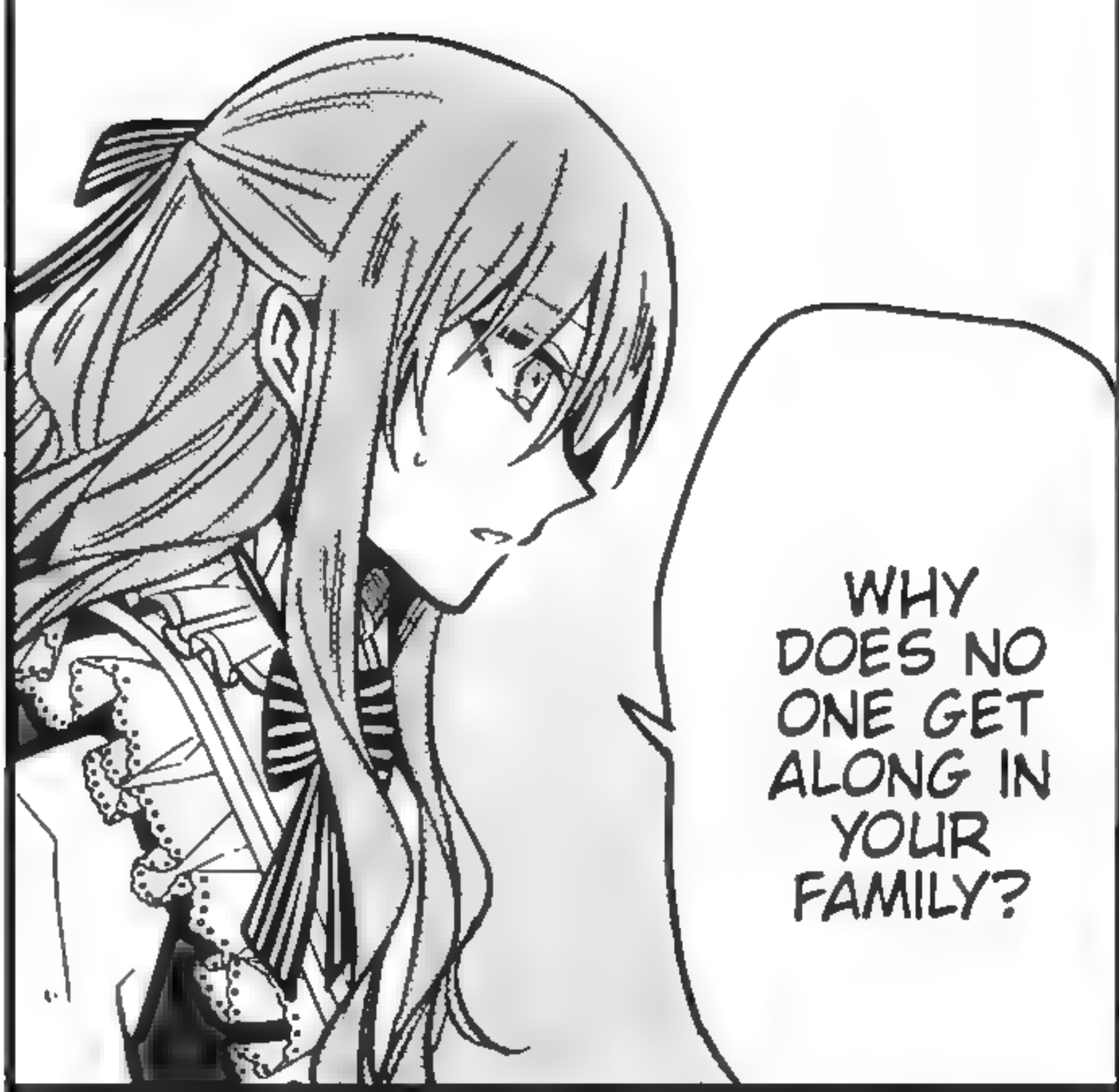
HE'S
ACTUALLY
THINKING
ABOUT ME!

AT LEAST
WHEN I MAKE
HIM ANGRY, HIS
EMOTIONS ARE
DIRECTED AT ME!

BUT WHEN
I GOT CLOSE
TO YOU, HE
FINALLY
STARTED
PAYING
ATTENTION.

MY BROTHER
WOULDN'T
EVEN GIVE ME
THE TIME OF
DAY...

YOU
KNOW,
IT'S
AMAZ-
ING.





EVEN THE CROWN PRINCE CAN'T AVOID THE GALLOWES IF HE DOES SOMETHING LIKE THAT.

MAYBE HIS FATHER WILL BE NEXT IN LINE FOR HIS BLADE.

...



IN ADDITION, MY BROTHER CUT OFF ALL COMMUNICATION BETWEEN US SIBLINGS.

EVEN MY SISTERS LIVE ELSEWHERE AT MY BROTHER'S BEHEST.



IS BECAUSE OUR FATHER REGARDS HIS CHILDREN AS LITTLE MORE THAN PAWNS.

THE MAIN REASON WHY OUR FAMILY DOESN'T GET ALONG...



VERY WELL, ACTUALLY.



THAT'S MY STORY.

DID YOU GET ALL THAT?



WHA...?!

I NOW UNDERSTAND JUST HOW MUCH...

YOU WISH TO BE CLOSER TO PRINCE ARNOLD.



WHAT-EVER.

WHAT YOU SAID WAS VERY DIFFERENT FROM WHEN YOU TOLD ME TO STAY AWAY FROM HIM.

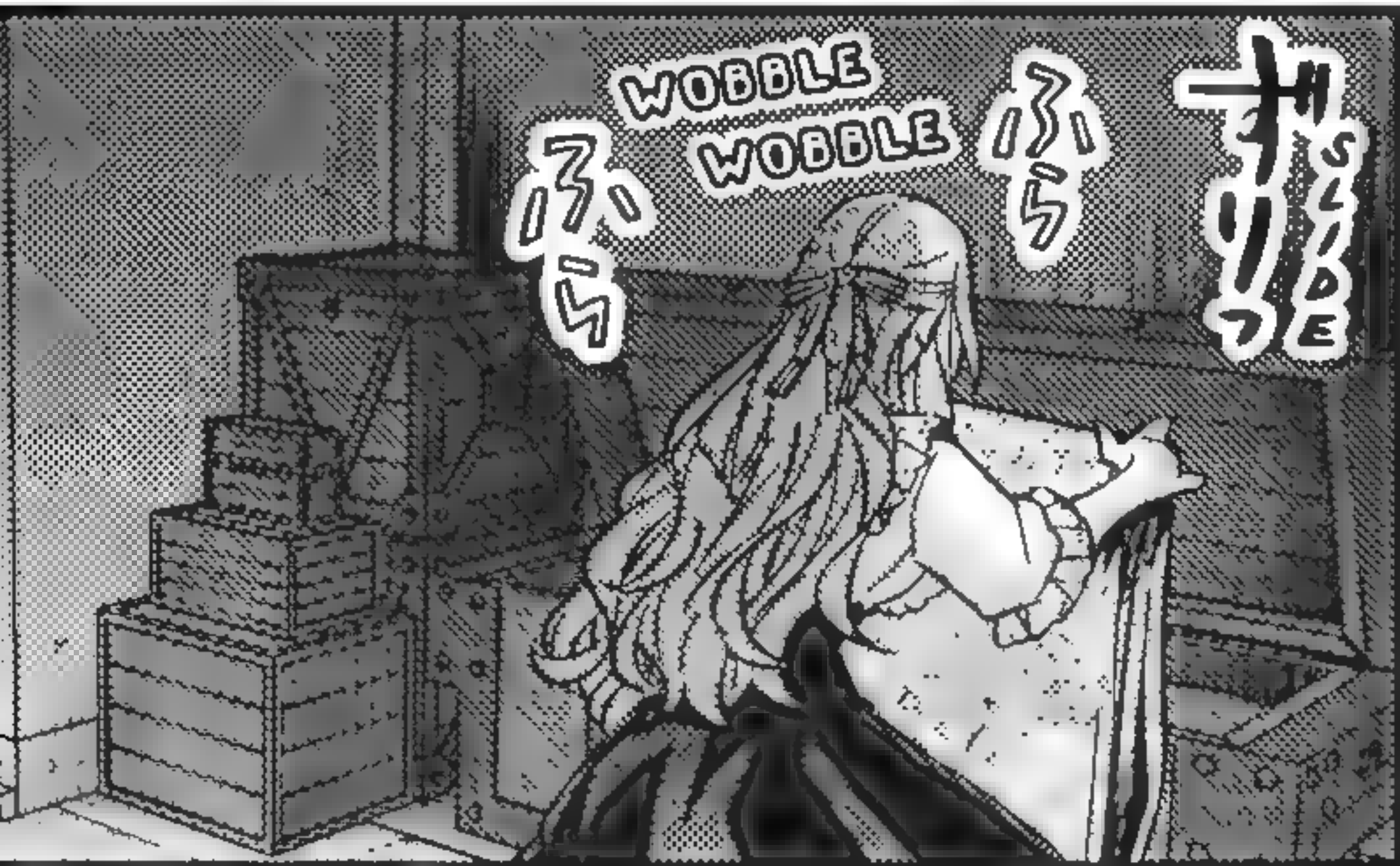
THIS TIME I ASKED WHY YOUR FAMILY DOESN'T GET ALONG...

YET YOU DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING TERRIBLE ABOUT PRINCE ARNOLD.

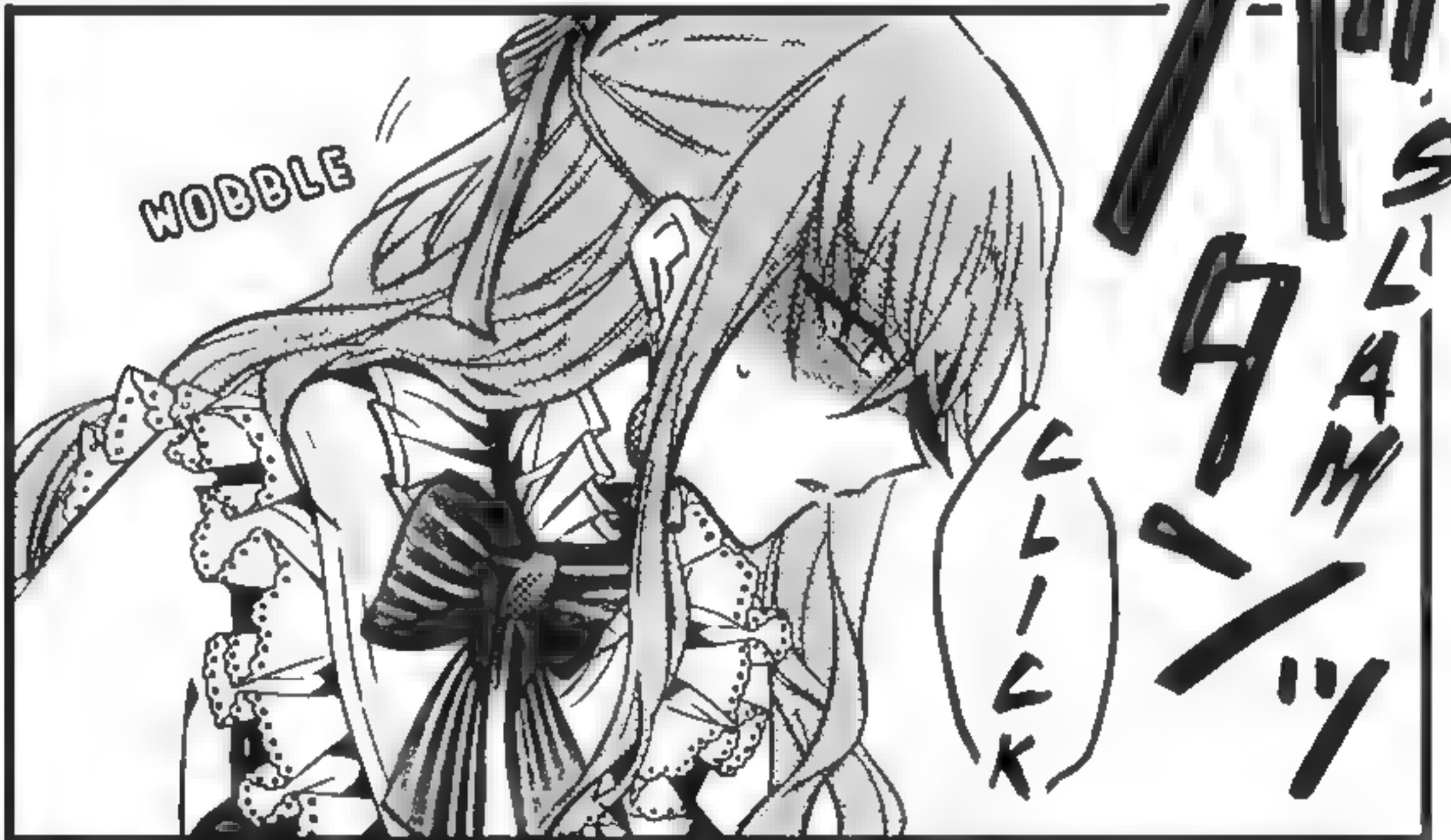


IT'S NO USE
TRYING TO
ESCAPE. THIS
PLACE IS
HEAVILY
GUARDED.

I'M
GOING
NOW.



WOBBLE
WOBBLE
13-5
13-5
13-5
13-5



WOBBLE

CLICK

SLAM
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AT
LAST...

13-5
SIGH...

I CAN
FINALLY
SLEEP...!

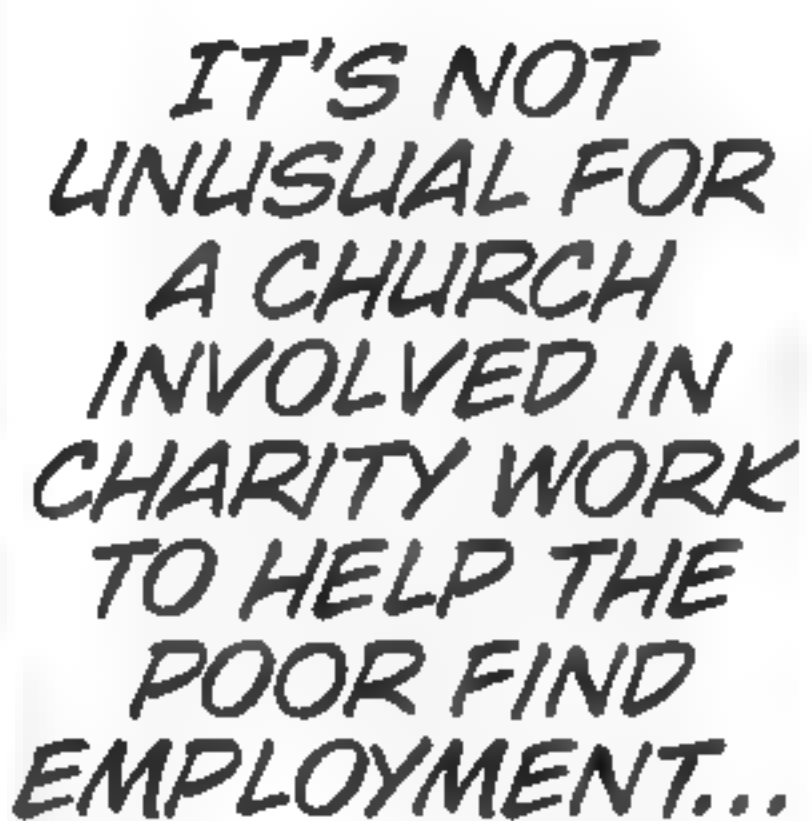


I FIRST
SUSPECTED
THAT ELSIE WAS
WORKING FOR
PRINCE
THEODORE...



Only
maids and
knights pass
through
the royal
villa.

THOUGH
PRINCE
ARNOLD
WILL ON
OCCASION
AS WELL...



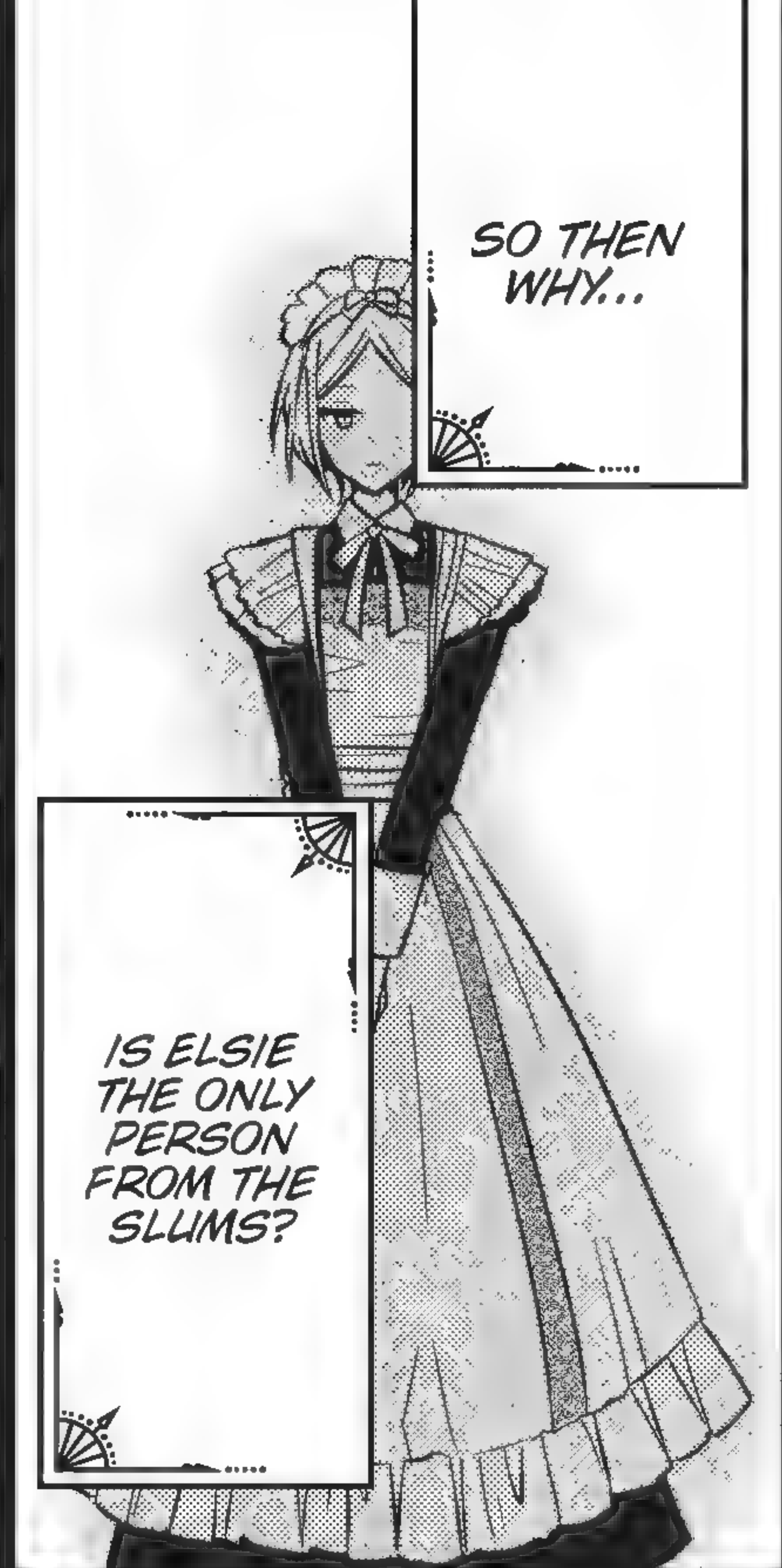
Her letter of recommendation came from a church close to the slums too...

*All
the new
girls come
from poor
families,
but...*

I THOROUGHLY
CHECKED THE
BACKGROUNDS
OF THE MAIDS.

Elsie is the only one that comes from extreme poverty.





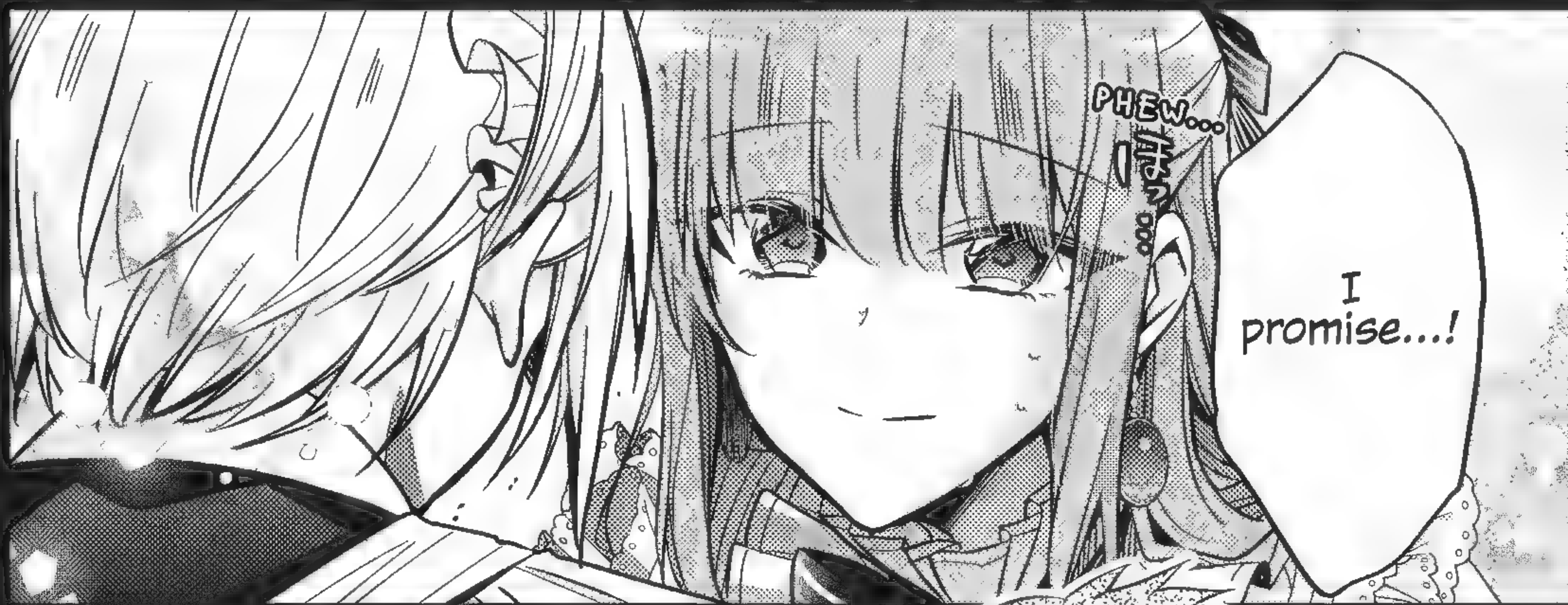


I
promise...

I'll protect
you no matter
what happens.

Don't
worry, Lady
Rishe.

Elsie...



I
promise...!

PHEW...

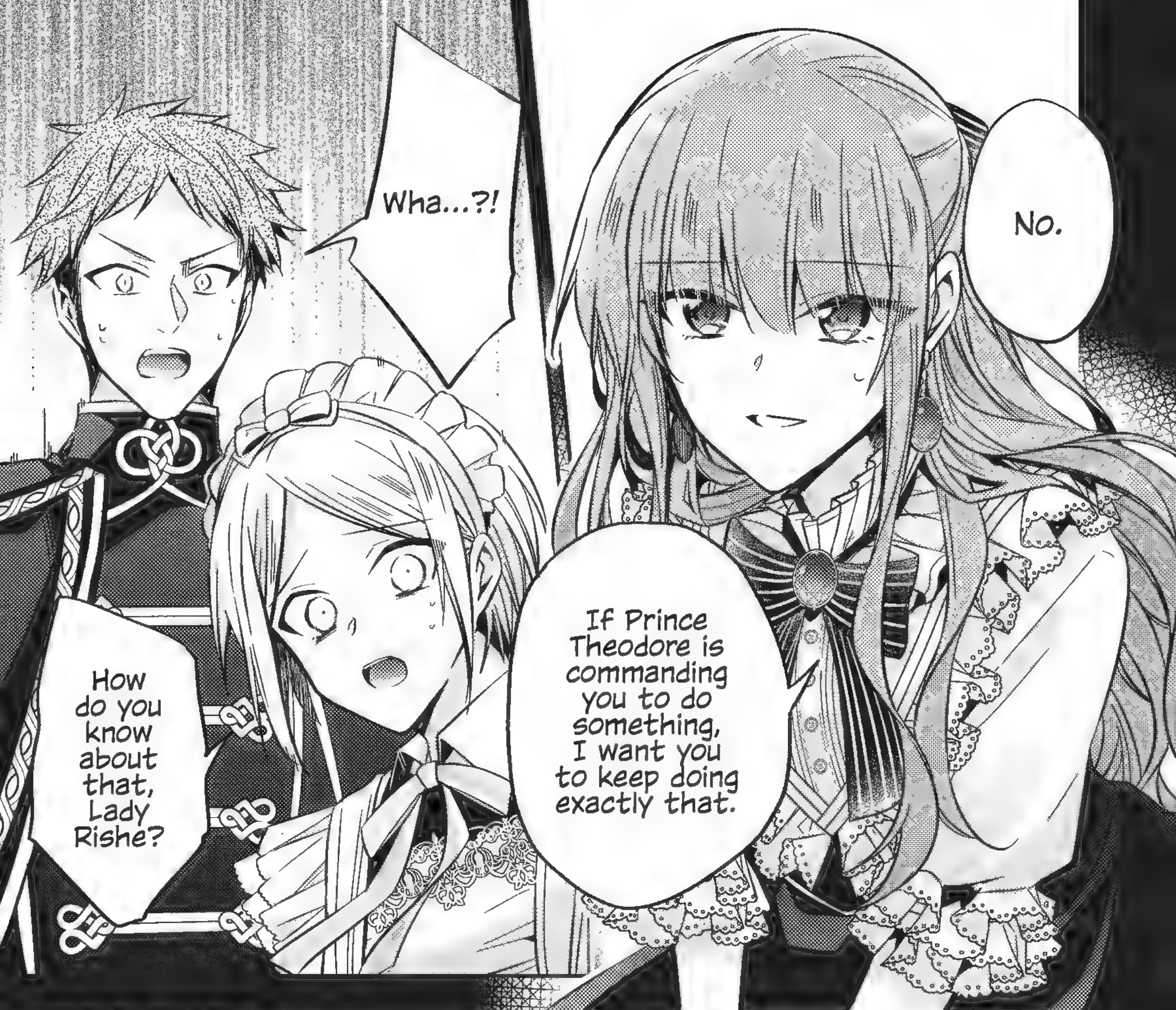


Elsie, no
matter
what
punish-
ment we
receive...

we're
going to
help Lady
Rishe.

Got
it.

We'll
bring Lady
Rishe to
the doctor.



Wha...?!

No.

How
do you
know
about
that,
Lady
Rishe?

If Prince
Theodore is
commanding
you to do
something,
I want you
to keep doing
exactly that.



He
ordered us
to find an
opportunity
to confine
you.

He also told
us not to
harm you in
any way.



Can you
tell me
what his
orders
were?





Not to harm me?

I wasn't expecting that.



Prince Theodore has helped the people of the slums for a long time.

They would do anything for him.



I am so very sorry, Lady Rishe.

I'll accept any punishment.

Lady Rishe! Elsie hasn't done anything wrong.



This conversation can be finished later.

We should head out soon.

I'm going to become a full-fledged knight and get my family out of there!



If we don't obey his commands, we'll be banished from this small city.

Kamil, the same applies to you.

Elsie couldn't disobey Prince Theodore.



Of course...

Head out? You mean...?

To be confined just as Prince Theodore commanded.



RUB RUB
RISE



YAWN...

I'M GLAD I COULD STAY AWAKE UNTIL PRINCE THEODORE CAME.



I DIDN'T SLEEP MUCH, BUT MY THINKING IS A LOT CLEARER NOW.

WITH THIS, I CAN KEEP GOING A LITTLE LONGER.

THE DAGGER THAT ELSIE PREPARED FOR ME IS VERY NICE.

JUST ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF PRINCE THEODORE'S GENEROSITY TOWARDS THESE IMPOVERISHED COMMUNITIES.



DO WE REALLY NEED SO MANY PEOPLE TO GUARD THE CROWN PRINCESS?

RATTLE

PRINCE THEODORE BELIEVES I'M TRAPPED IN HERE.

THERE'S NO WAY HE'LL BLAME ELSIE AND KAMIL.



Skill from her maid life
Lock-picking

PRINCE THEO IS JUST LOOKING OUT FOR US.

I HEARD THAT SHE KNOWS HOW TO USE A SWORD.

WE'LL OBEY PRINCE THEO'S ORDERS, BUT I BELIEVE WE CAN GET BY WITH JUST THREE PEOPLE HERE.

BESIDES, THE DOOR'S LOCKED. THERE'S NO WAY SHE'S GETTING OUT OF THERE.

INHALE

IN ADDITION TO US, THERE ARE SIX PEOPLE ON THE SECOND FLOOR AND TEN OUTSIDE.

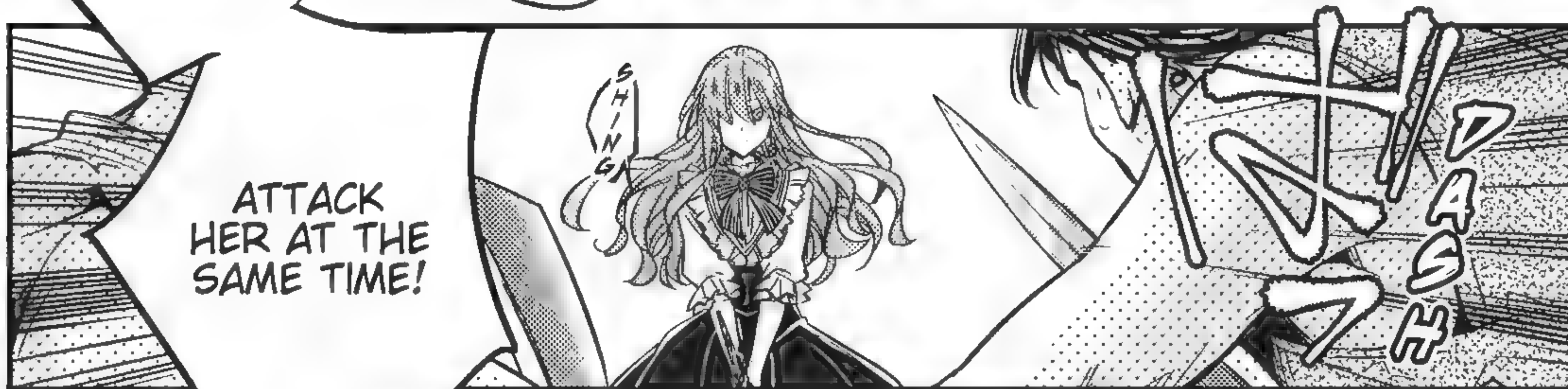
HUH?

THERE'S NO WAY THAT!!

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COMPARED
TO WHEN
PRINCE
ARNOLD
SWUNG AT
ME...

WHAM

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WOULD
YOU
PLEASE
RETREAT?



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I'M SO
HAPPY!

CHAPTER 14

.....

I've Come to Settle This



MY BROTHER
CAME ALL THE
WAY TO SEE
ME.



YOU ALWAYS
IGNORED
ME WHEN I
REQUESTED
TO MEET WITH
YOU.

IT MIGHT
EVEN BE
THE FIRST
TIME!

IT'S BEEN
YEARS SINCE
I'VE TALKED
TO YOU LIKE
THIS.



JUST GET
TO THE
POINT.

WHAT A
WASTE
OF TIME.



HMPH.

GUESS YOU'LL
EVEN LISTEN TO
WHAT I HAVE TO
SAY WHEN IT'S
FOR HER SAKE.



THE THINGS
YOU DO ARE
MEANINGLESS.



I DON'T
NEED TO
SPEAK TO
YOU.

BOO!

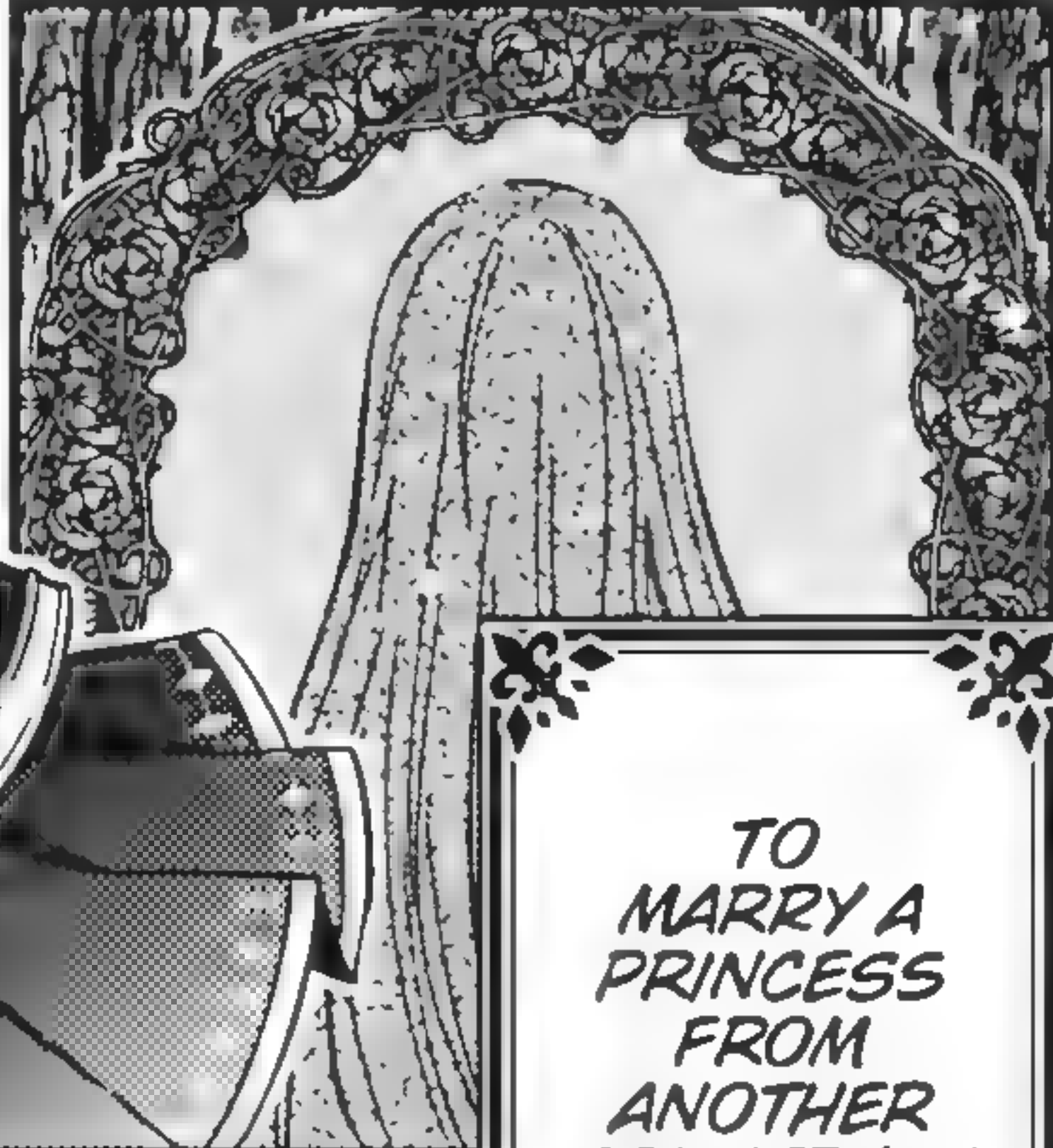
THIS IS THE
ONLY TIME I
HAVE WITH
YOU, DON'T BE
SO MEAN.



MEANING-
LESS?



I THOUGHT
THAT IT WAS
A JOKE!



TO
MARRY A
PRINCESS
FROM
ANOTHER
COUNTRY IN
ORDER TO
JOIN THE
IMPERIAL
FAMILY.



BUT IN AN ACT
OF DEFIANCE,
MY BROTHER
FOUND SOME
RANDOM GIRL
AND BROUGHT
HER BACK
INSTEAD.



OUR FATHER
PRESSURED
MY BIG
BROTHER INTO
A POLITICAL
MARRIAGE.



IF SHE WERE JUST A TROPHY WIFE, HE WOULDN'T HAVE DONE ALL THAT.

HE SAID THAT ONCE THE PREPARATIONS WERE FINISHED, SHE WOULD LIVE THERE.

HE PREPARED THE ROYAL VILLA AS WELL.

BUT THEN HE STARTED TO ASSEMBLE MAIDS FOR HIS FIANCEE.



I WANT TO BE NEXT IN LINE TO BECOME EMPEROR.

I CAN USE HER.

IF YOU WANT HER BACK SAFELY, I WANT YOU TO GIVE ME YOUR PLACE AS FIRST IN THE LINE OF SUCCESSION.

...



I WAS ORDERED NOT TO GET CLOSE.

MORE IMPORTANT THAN ME...



SHE'S VERY IMPORTANT TO YOU, ISN'T SHE, BIG BROTHER?



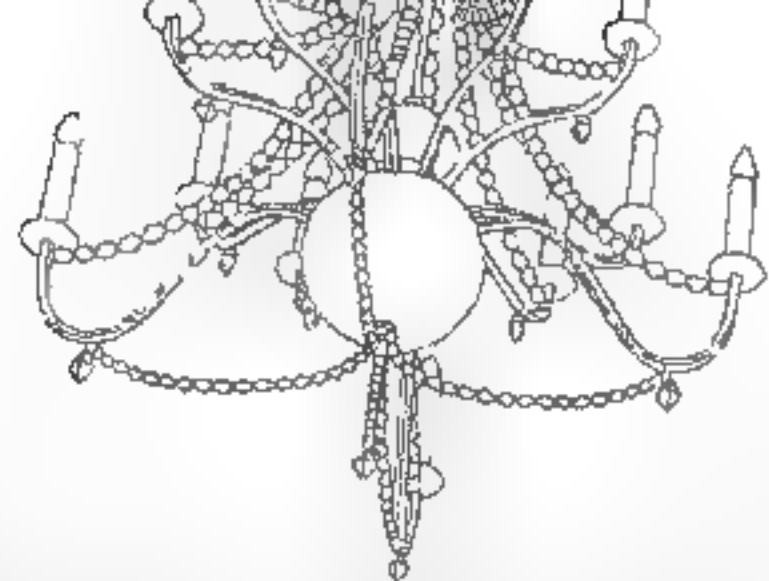
OR THE SISTERS THAT YOU BANISHED!

I'M NOT EVEN ALLOWED TO LOOK AT OR SPEAK TO HIM.

YOU WANT TO PROTECT HER AND KEEP HER CLOSE.



SAY IT, BIG BROTHER!



I HAVE HER
IN THE PALM
OF MY HAND!



SAY THAT
YOU LOST
THIS TIME!

ADMIT IT AND
GIVE ME YOUR
PLACE AS
THE CROWN
PRINCE!

"YOU WIN,
THEO-
DORE."







DID YOU
LOCK HER
IN A CELL?

YOU SAID
THAT YOU
CONFINED
HER.



ARMED
RUFFIANS
ARE
GUARDING
HER.

SO YOU
LOCKED
HER IN,
WHAT
ELSE?

I PUT
HER IN
A SMALL,
DIRTY
ROOM.

WOW,
SHE EVEN
HAS A
WINDOW TO
HERSELF.

SHE IS
ON A HIGH
FLOOR TOO,
SO SHE CAN'T
ESCAPE
FROM THE
WINDOW.

IT'S
ALL BUT
A JAIL
CELL.



YOU IDIOT.



ALL IT WOULD
TAKE IS A FEW
WORDS FROM
ME TO HAVE
YOUR BRIDE-
TO-BE HURT.

I SHOULD
HAVE
BROUGHT
YOU ONE
OF HER
FINGERS.





I'VE COME
TO SETTLE
THIS...

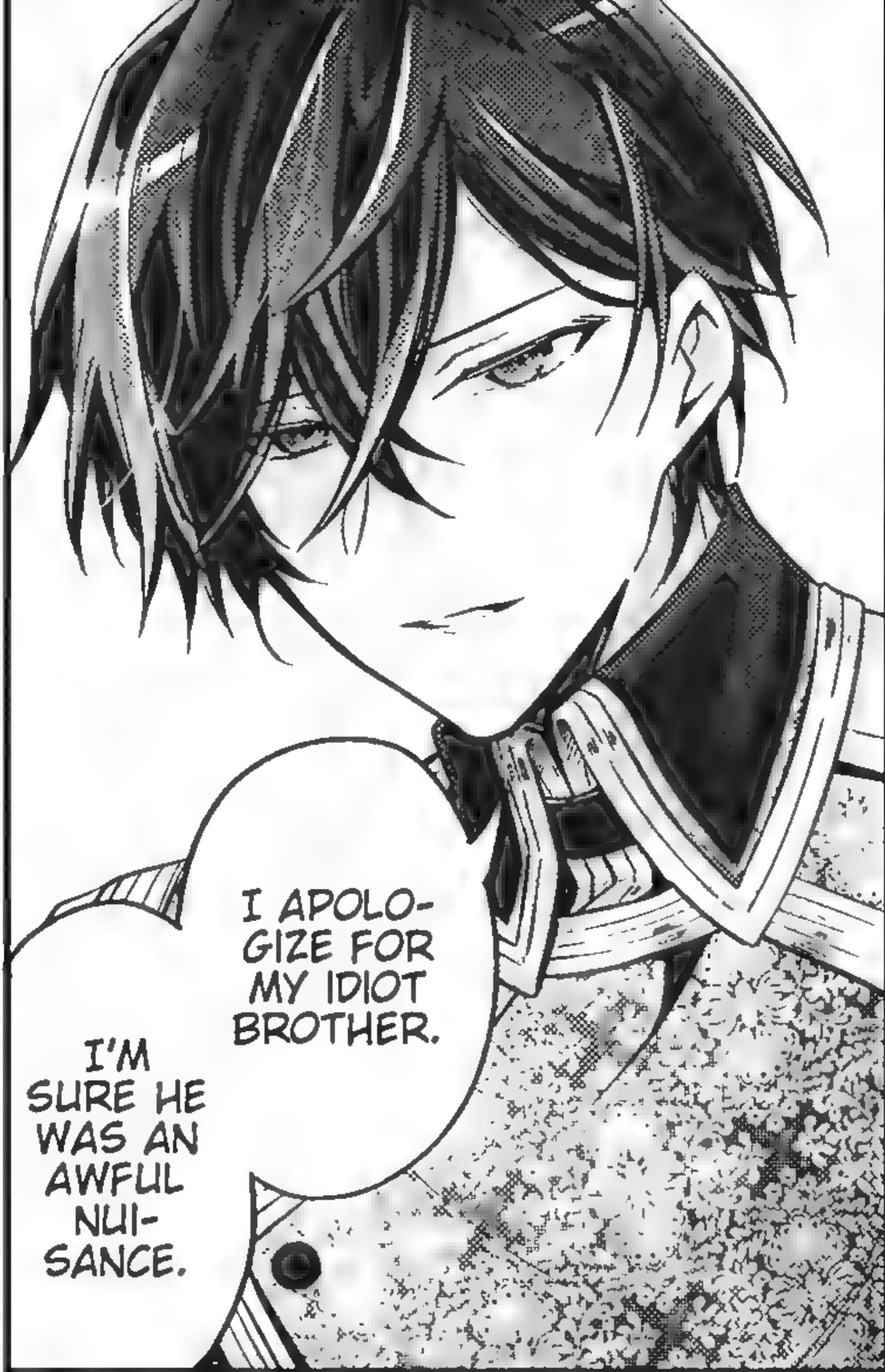
PRINCE
THEODORE.



BANG

IT'S
IMPOSSIBLE.

...







ONLY THEN
CAN YOU SAY
THAT THEY ARE
UNLIKELY TO
ESCAPE.

THAT'S
RIGHT.

TAKE ALL
OF THEIR
BELONG-
INGS AND
MAKE SURE
THEY'RE
UNDER SUR-
VEILLANCE.

BREAK
THEIR
BONES AND
RESTRAIN
THEM.

HER
EYES...

SHIVER



ARE THOSE
OF A BATTLE-
HARDENED
VETERAN.

THAT'S WHAT
IT MEANS
TO CAPTURE
SOMEONE.



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ACCORDING
TO A BOOK
I ONCE
READ,
ANYWAY.



AH!

PRINCE
ARNOLD.

TUG!

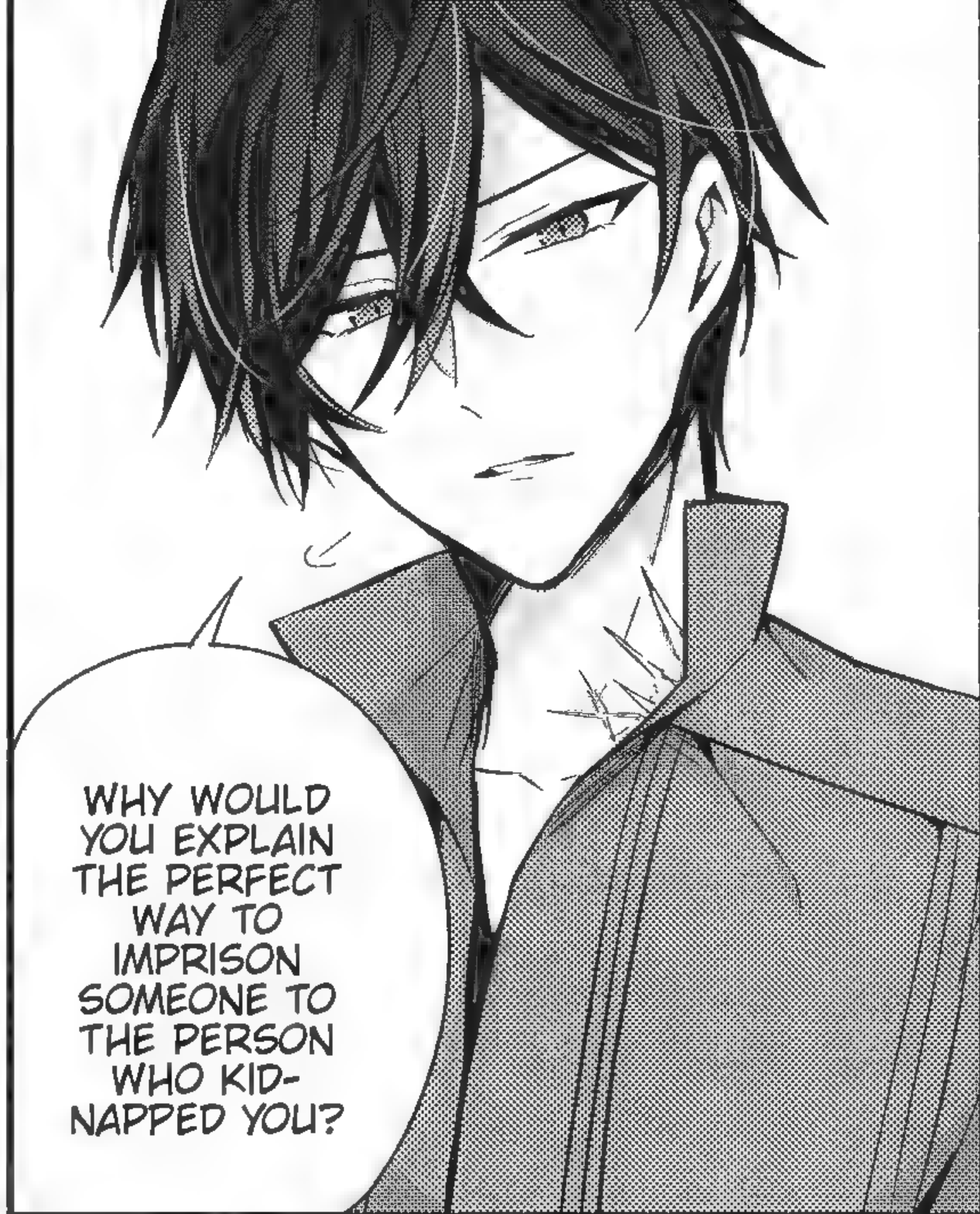
FLOP
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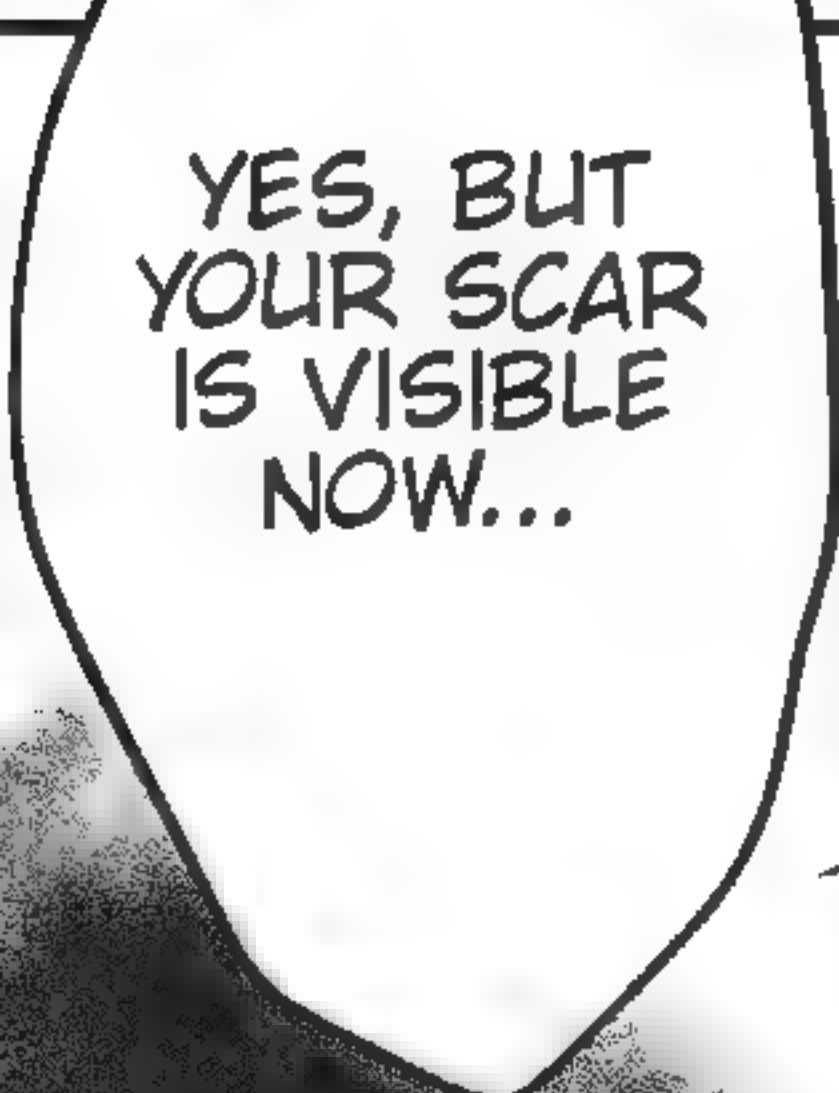
YOUR
HIGHNESS!
I CAN'T
ACCEPT
THIS!

I'M OKAY,
SO PLEASE
TAKE YOUR
COAT BACK.

IT'S FINE,
JUST KEEP
WEARING
IT.



WHY WOULD
YOU EXPLAIN
THE PERFECT
WAY TO
IMPRISON
SOMEONE TO
THE PERSON
WHO KID-
NAPPED YOU?



YES, BUT
YOUR SCAR
IS VISIBLE
NOW...



WHAT'S
THAT SCAR?



IT LOOKS
LIKE IT
COULD
HAVE BEEN
FATAL...

HE MUST
HAVE BEEN
HIDING IT.

BUT SOME-
HOW,
SHE
KNOWS
ABOUT
IT...

I HAD NO
IDEA...

IT WOULD
HAVE BEEN
NICE IF
I COULD
DO THIS
WITHOUT
HURTING
ANYONE,
BUT...

I KNEW
I WASN'T
ENOUGH.

EVEN IF
I END UP
MISSING
AND
STABBING
HIM
INSTEAD...

KILLING
ME WON'T
ACHIEVE
ANYTHING.

!!



IS THERE
ANY OTHER
REASON TWO
SIBLINGS WITH
THE RIGHT OF
INHERITANCE
WOULD FIGHT?

I WANT HIS
PLACE AS
THE FIRST
IN THE LINE
OF SUCCESSION.

WHAT
IS YOUR
OBJECTIVE
HERE?



IF I USED
YOU AND
THREATENED
HIM...

SOMEONE
WHO IS
CONSIDERED A
HOSTAGE IN THE
CASTLE, HIS
REPUTATION
WOULD BE
RUINED.

IF PEOPLE
FOUND OUT
THAT HE
COULDN'T
EVEN
PROTECT...



HE WASN'T
GOING TO
PROTECT ME
BY GIVING UP
HIS PLACE IN
THE LINE OF
SUCCESSION.

YOU DIDN'T
REALLY THINK
THIS WOULD
WORK, DID
YOU?

I'M JUST
THE CROWN
PRINCE'S
FIANCÉE.





I DID SOME
RESEARCH.

YOU'RE
WRONG...



TH-THAT'S
BECAUSE
I LOST
INTEREST.

VOLUNTEER
WORK IS SO
LAME.



YOU HAVEN'T
ATTENDED ANY
PUBLIC EVENTS
IN THE LAST
COUPLE OF
YEARS.

YOU ALSO
STOPPED DOING
VOLUNTEER
WORK AROUND
THE SAME TIME.



WHO IS
THIS
WOMAN?!

THERE WAS
NO RECORD OF
THE DONATION
IN THE PUBLIC
EXPENSES, SO
YOU MUST HAVE
USED YOUR OWN
MONEY.

YOU
RECENTLY
DONATED TO
THE PEOPLE
OF THE
SLUMS.

THAT'S
ALSO A
LIE.



IT'S AS IF
THEY'RE
FAMILY.

YOU DO
EVERYTHING
YOU CAN
FOR THESE
PEOPLE.



YOU CALLED
A DOCTOR FOR
A WOMAN GOING
THROUGH LABOR
ALONE AND
STAYED BY
HER SIDE TO
ENCOURAGE
HER...

YOU HELD
A SICK
ORPHAN'S
HAND AND
NURSED HIM
BACK TO
HEALTH...



THEY'LL
EVEN
BREAK
THE LAW
WITHOUT
QUESTION.

HA HA
HA!

AREN'T YOU
ACTUALLY
KEEPING
THEM IN
CHECK BY
LEADING
THEM YOUR-
SELF?

THEY'RE
USEFUL.
THAT'S WHY
I WANTED
TO BE
CLOSE TO
THEM.

ALL I WANT
TO DO IS
CONTROL
THEM BY
PUTTING
THEM IN MY
DEBT.

YOU
MAKE ME
SOUND SO
BENEVO-
LENT.



BUT YOU
STILL GO TO
ANY LENGTH,
INCLUDING
DIRTYING
YOUR OWN
HANDS...

TO AVOID
BEING SEEN
AS A MEMBER
OF THE ROYAL
FAMILY WHILE
YOU'RE IN
PUBLIC.

YOU HAVE
EMPATHY FOR
THE PEOPLE
IN THE
SLUMS.

YOU WANT
TO HELP THEM
AND, GIVEN
YOUR STATUS,
THAT'S NOT
AN IMPOSSIBLE
WISH.

THAT'S...

BA-DUMP



YOU DON'T WANT YOUR PLACE AS THE SECOND PRINCE...

YOU WANT TO THROW IT ALL AWAY.

NO...

YOU NEED TO THROW IT AWAY.

BA-DUMP

BA-DUMP

BA-DUMP

IF THAT WERE TRUE, THEN YOU WOULD'VE TARGETED PRINCE ARNOLD DIRECTLY.

NO...

BA-DUMP

THAT'S RIDICULOUS.

I WANT TO BE BETTER THAN MY BROTHER.



YOU COULDN'T
DO ANYTHING TO
DIRECTLY HARM
YOUR BROTHER,
RIGHT?

BECAUSE
EVERYTHING
YOU DO IS
FOR HIM...



NO!

NO,
NO,
NO!

WHAT
ARE YOU
TALKING
ABOUT?!



I WANT HIM
TO NEGLECT
ME AND
DISPOSE
OF ME!

YOU
WANT TO
KNOW WHY
I'M DOING
THIS? FINE,
I'LL TELL
YOU!

I WANT MY
BROTHER TO
HATE ME!



PRINCE
THEO-
DORE.

IF I CAN
ANGER MY
BROTHER,
I SMILE.

THAT'S
IT....!

IF HE
PUSHES
ME AWAY, I
LAUGH WITH
DELIGHT!



TELL ME
WHAT YOU'RE
SCARED OF.



PRINCE
THEO-
DORE.

SILENCE!!

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MAYBE THAT
FEAR...

IT'S
AS IF...



WHAT
DOES...

THAT
MEAN?!



SHE'S ON
MY SIDE.

IS THE
SAME FEAR
I HAVE FOR
MY FUTURE.



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CHAPTER 15

I Want to Know What You Think

People
in
critical
condition
go in the
back!

A FEW
YEARS
EARLIER...

I WAS
VOLUNTEERING
AT A MEDIC
STATION AWAY
FROM THE FRONT
LINES...

This
patient
first.

Ow...
ouch...

Please
bring
some
water!

!!

CLATTER

A a a a a h !!

You'll get
better
soon.

You're
safe here.

It's
okay.

Aaaaaah!!

This
can't
be...

Your
valuables
and your
food too!!

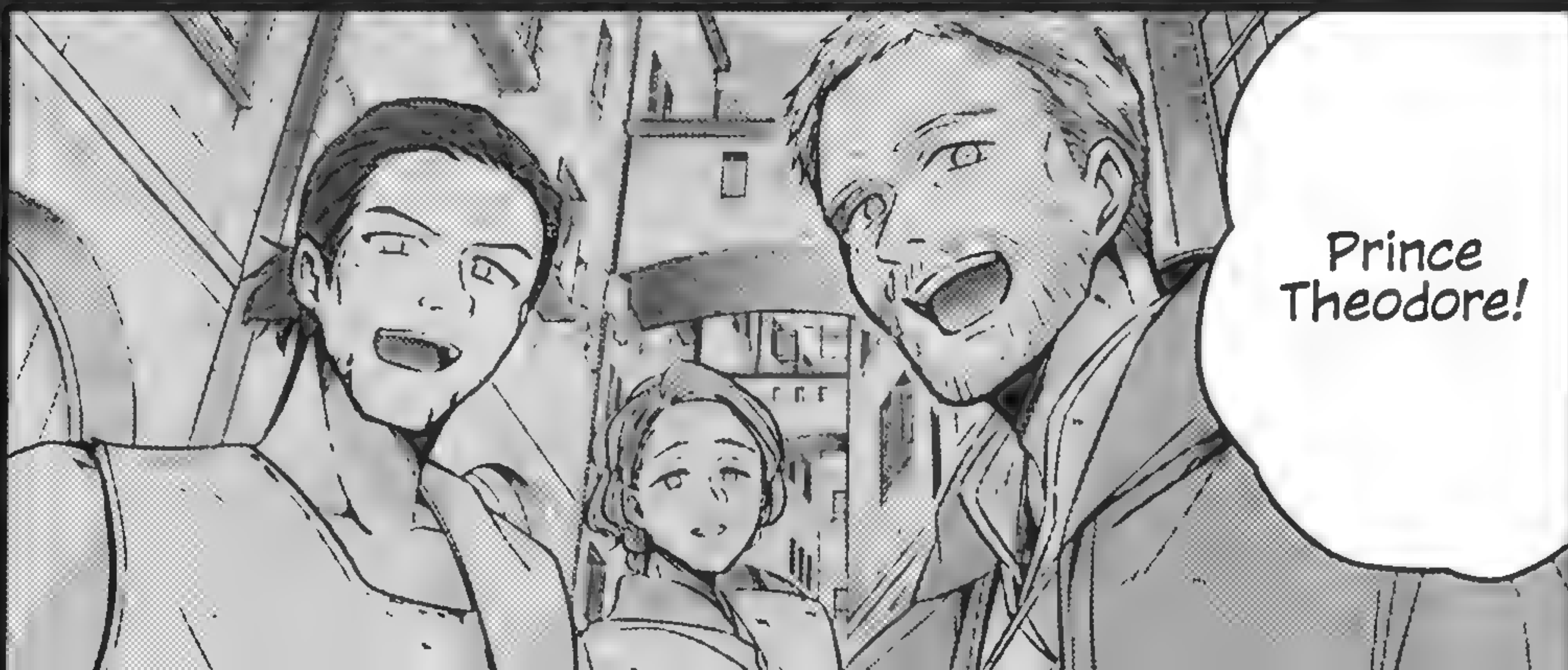
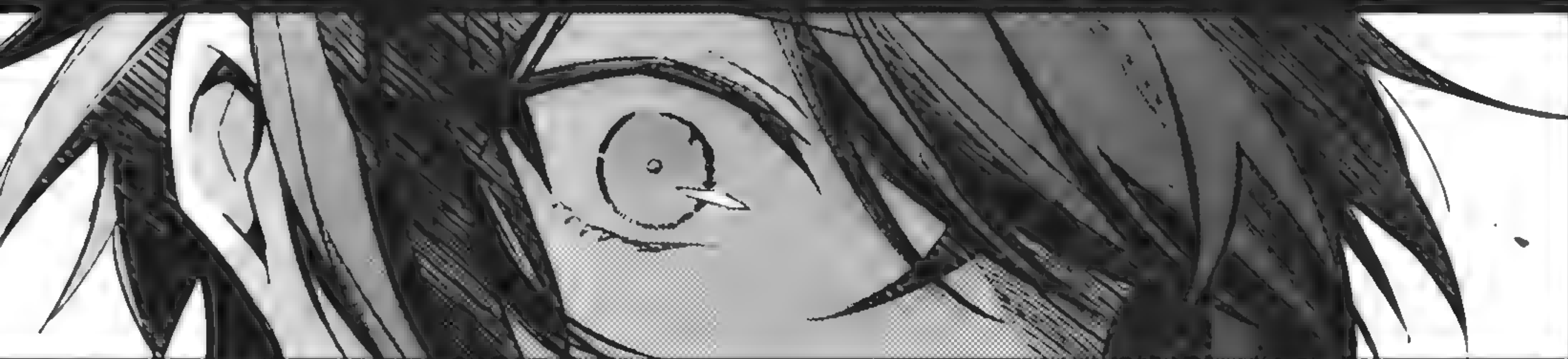
Give us all
of your
medicine!

This was
supposed
to be
neutral
ground,
safe from
attack...

Band-
its!

We'll
kill anyone
that
resists!

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L
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AH HA
HA HA!

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What
?!

Don't
touch
him with
your dirty
hands.

THE PEOPLE
OF THE
SLUMS
SMILED AT
ME IN PLACE
OF MY
FATHER...

When I see
your smile,
I feel so
much better.

You came
to see
us again
today!

THEY
WORRIED
ABOUT ME
IN PLACE
OF MY DEAD
MOTHER.

Theo!

THEY'RE
IMPORTANT
TO ME.

GASP!

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Stop
it!

Prince Theodore!

THAT'S
WHY I WANTED
TO PROTECT
THEM.

GA A A A A A A H!

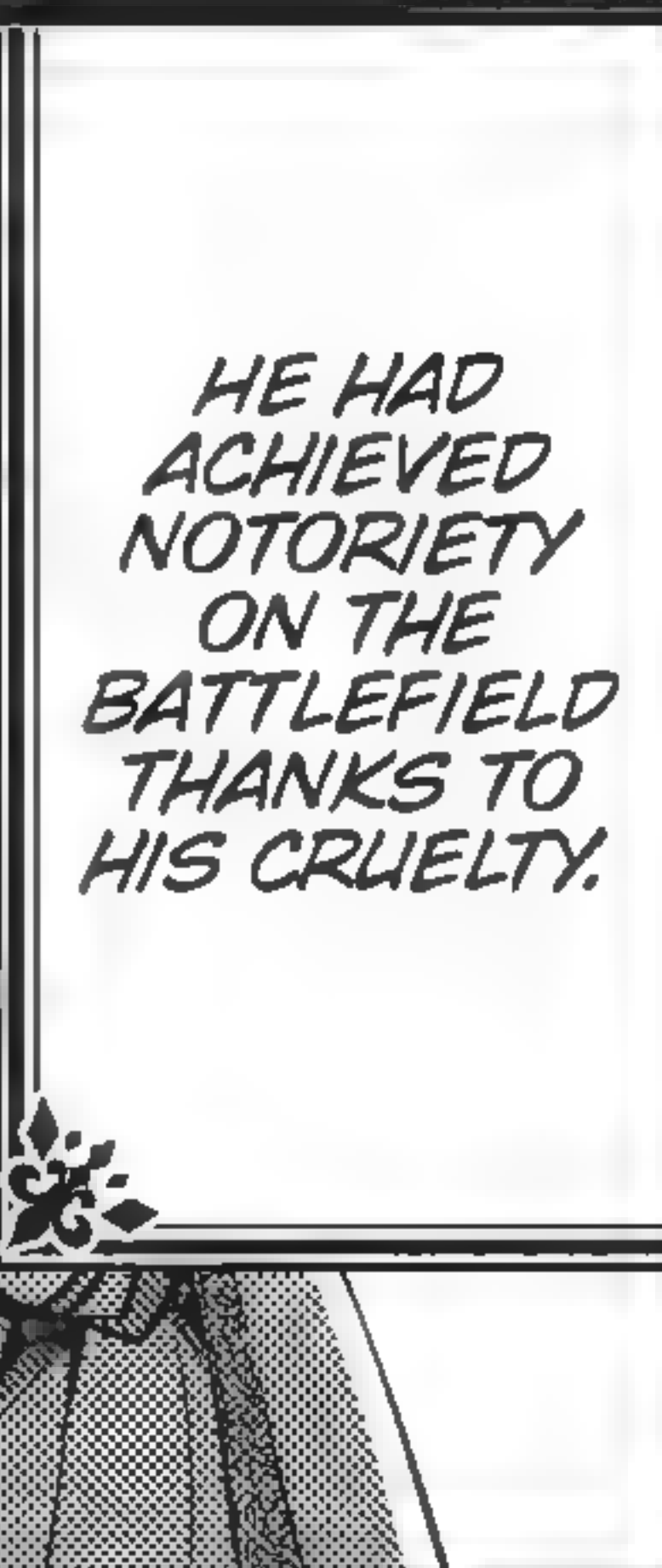




Brother?



BOTH
ENEMIES
AND ALLIES
FEARED
HIM.



HE HAD
ACHIEVED
NOTORIETY
ON THE
BATTLEFIELD
THANKS TO
HIS CRUELTY.

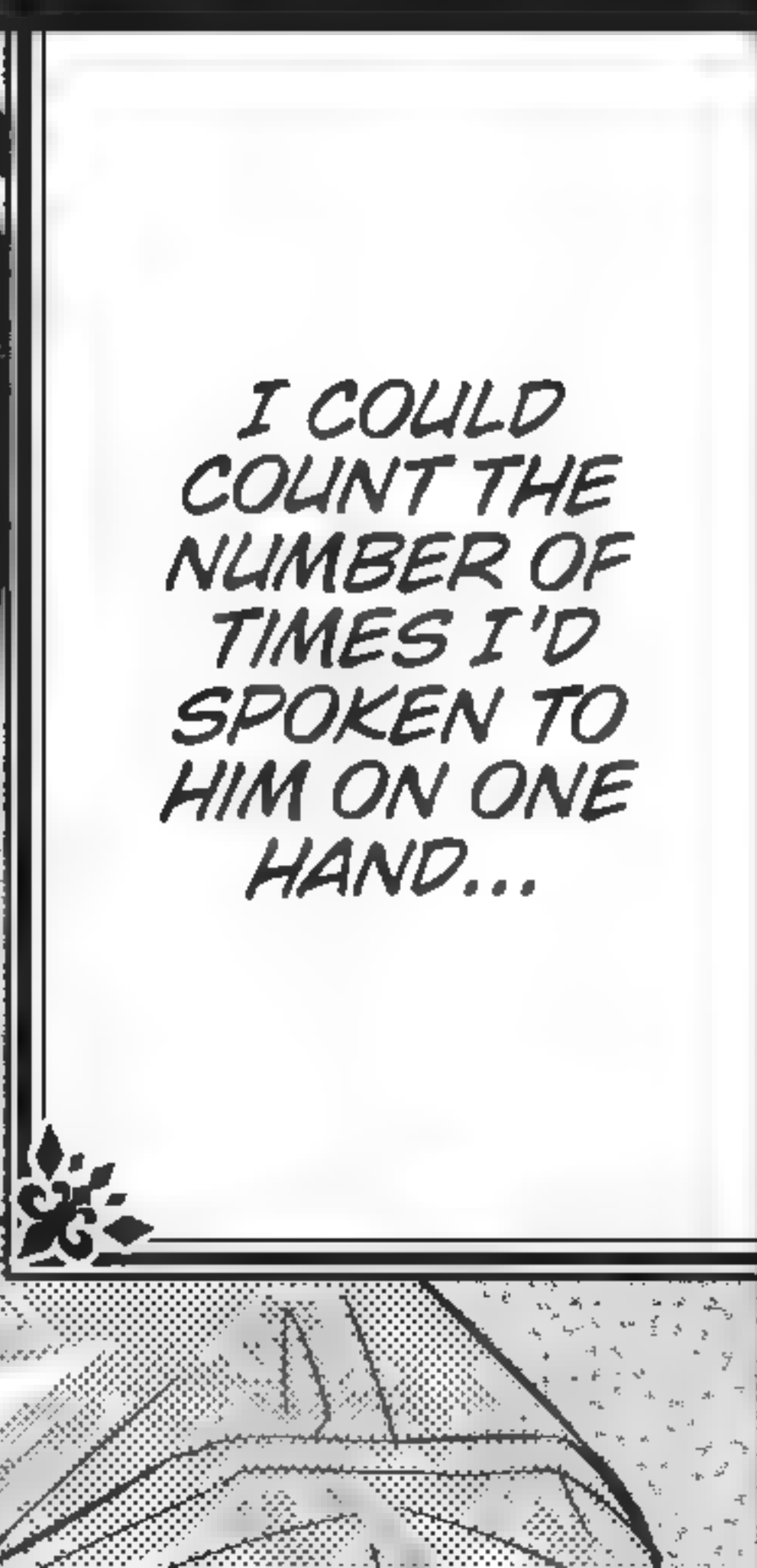


MY
BROTHER
IS FIVE
YEARS
OLDER
THAN ME.



THAT'S HOW
DISTANT HE
WAS.

MY
TERRIFYING,
BEAUTIFUL
BROTHER.



I COULD
COUNT THE
NUMBER OF
TIMES I'D
SPOKEN TO
HIM ON ONE
HAND...



Uhh...

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BLANK



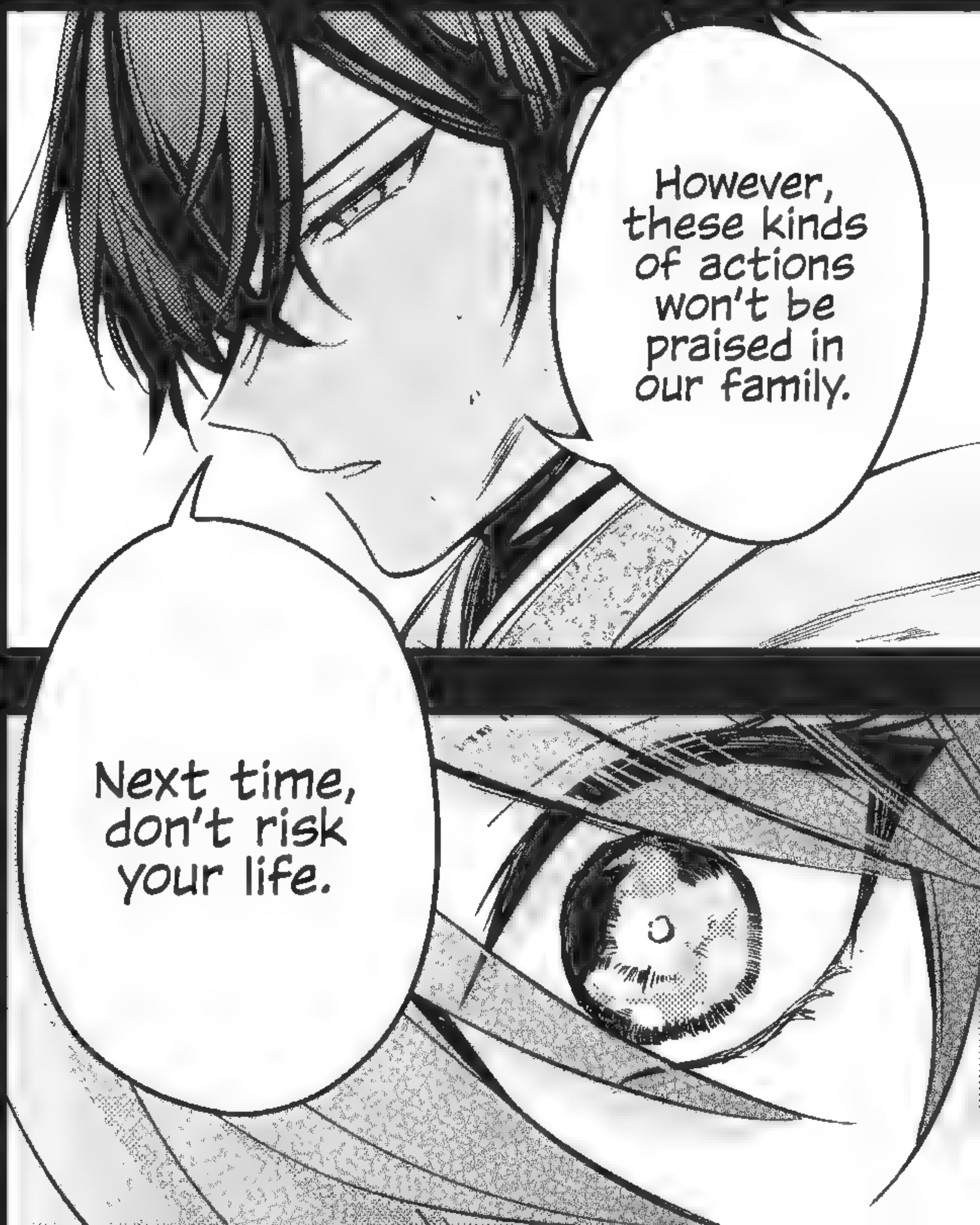
THAT'S THE
ARNOLD HEIN
I KNOW.

Good job.



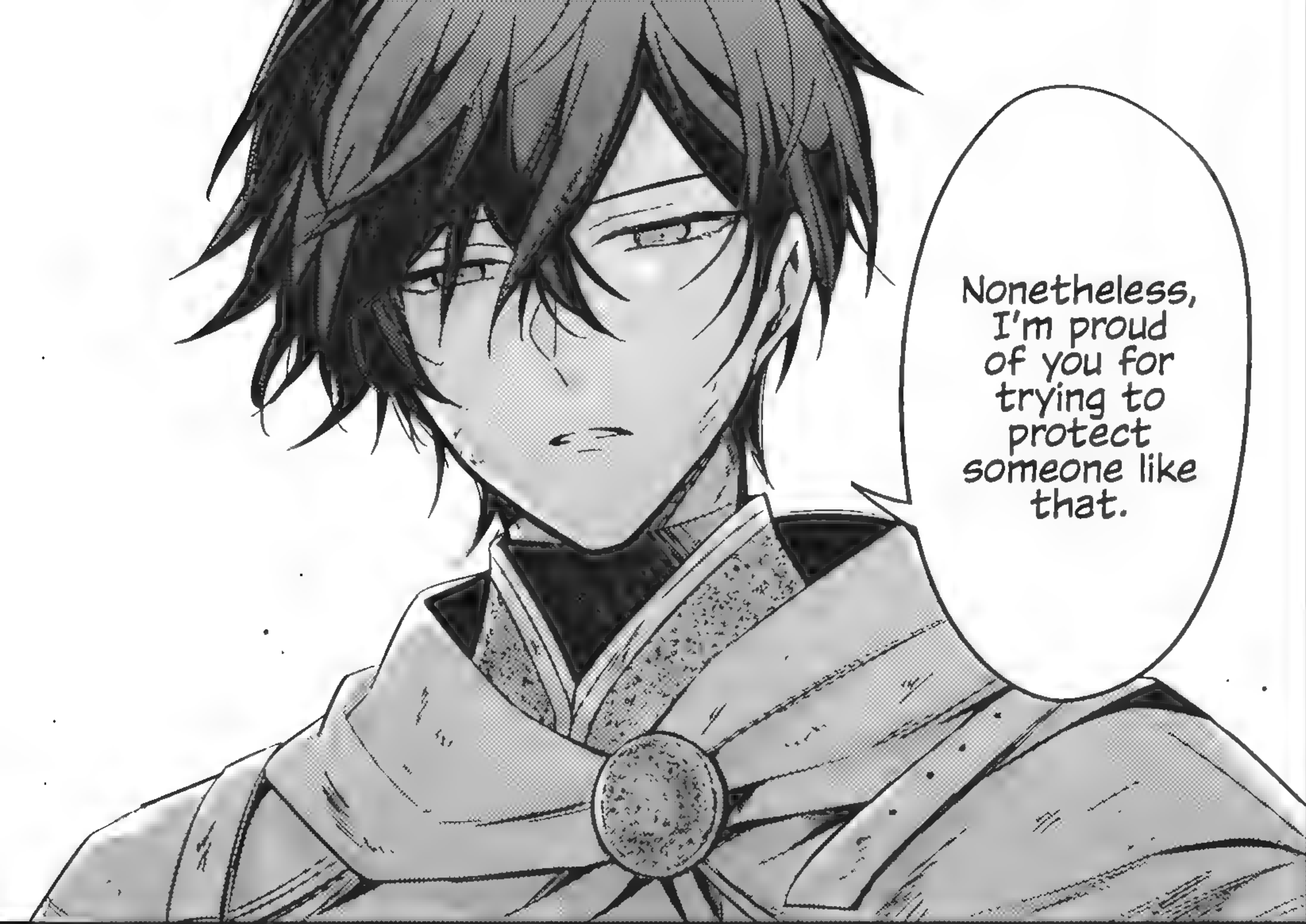
I COULDN'T
EVEN HOLD
A SWORD...

AND I ONLY
ACTED IN THE
BACKGROUND,
BUT...



However,
these kinds
of actions
won't be
praised in
our family.

Next time,
don't risk
your life.



Nonetheless,
I'm proud
of you for
trying to
protect
someone like
that.



HE WAS
WATCHING
ME.

THAT FACT
MADE ME SO
HAPPY THAT
I COULDN'T
BELIEVE IT.

I ADMIRE
HIM.



WHAT ARE
YOU...?

IS THE SAME
FEAR I HAVE
FOR MY
FUTURE.

MAYBE
THAT
FEAR...

IT'S THE
REASON WHY
I CAN'T
FORGIVE
THAT.



THAT'S
ENOUGH.

RISHE...



I DON'T CARE.



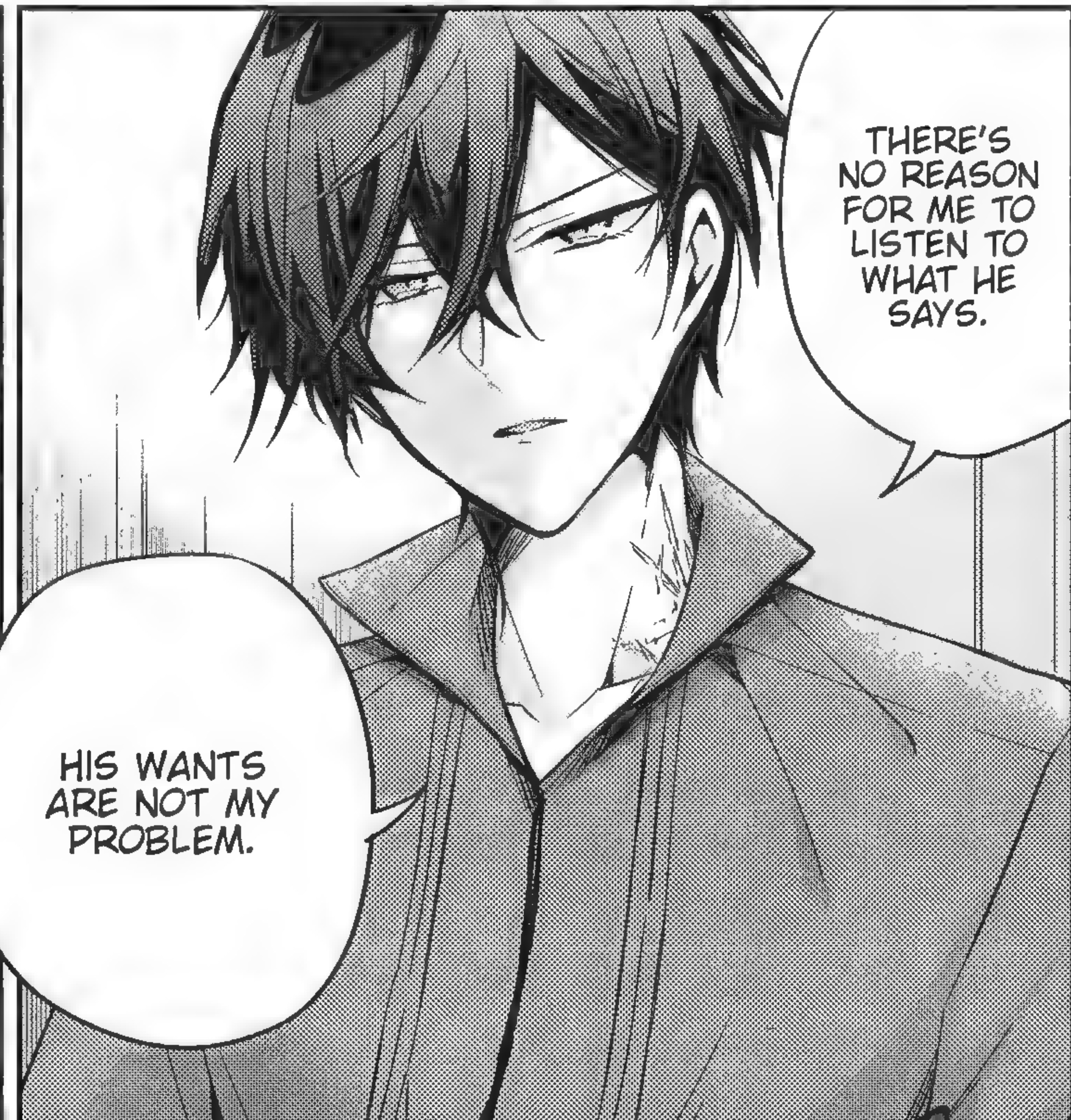
PLEASE WAIT, YOUR HIGHNESS.

JUST LISTEN TO WHAT HE HAS TO SAY...

I TOLD YOU NOT TO GET INVOLVED WITH HIM.

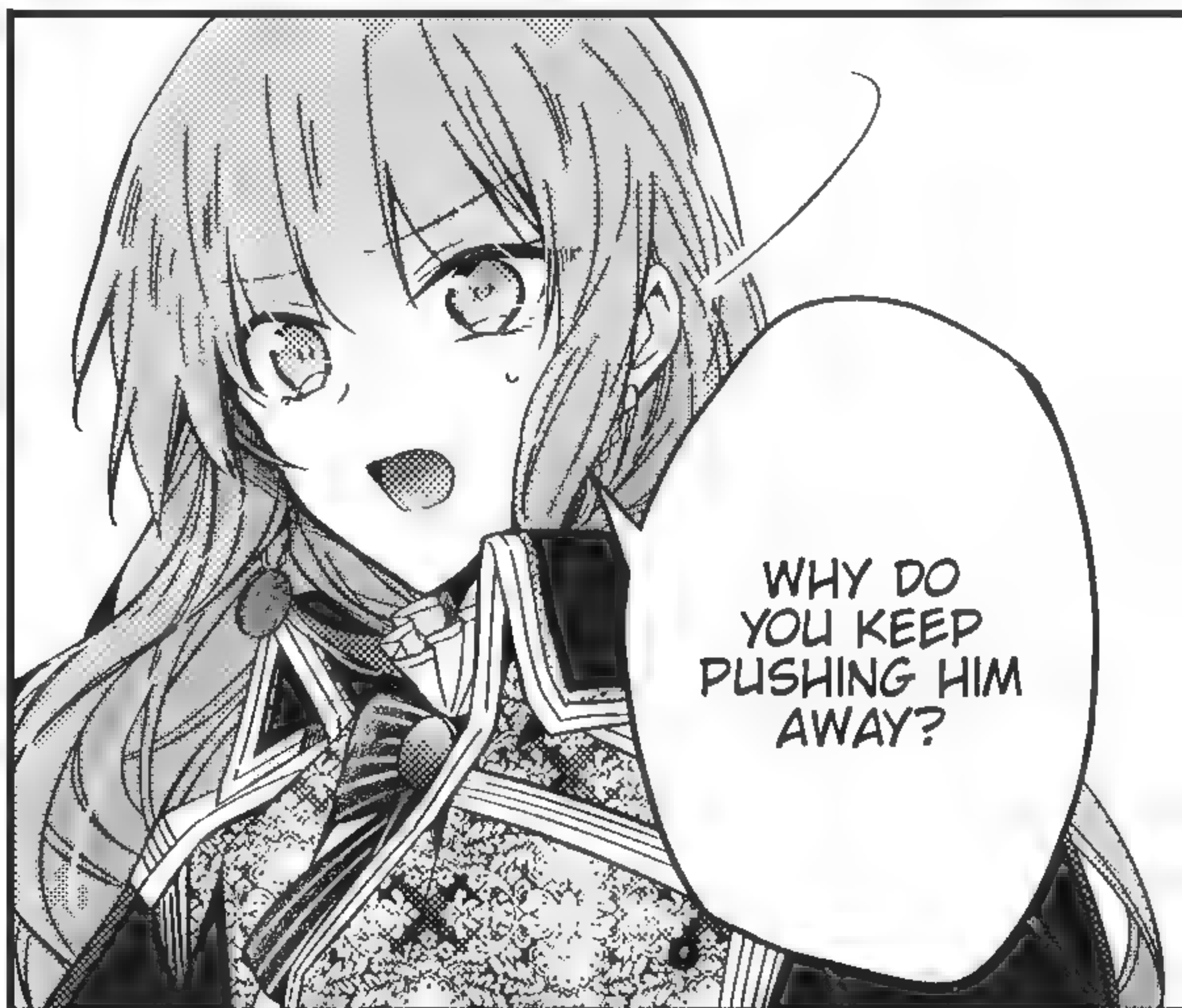
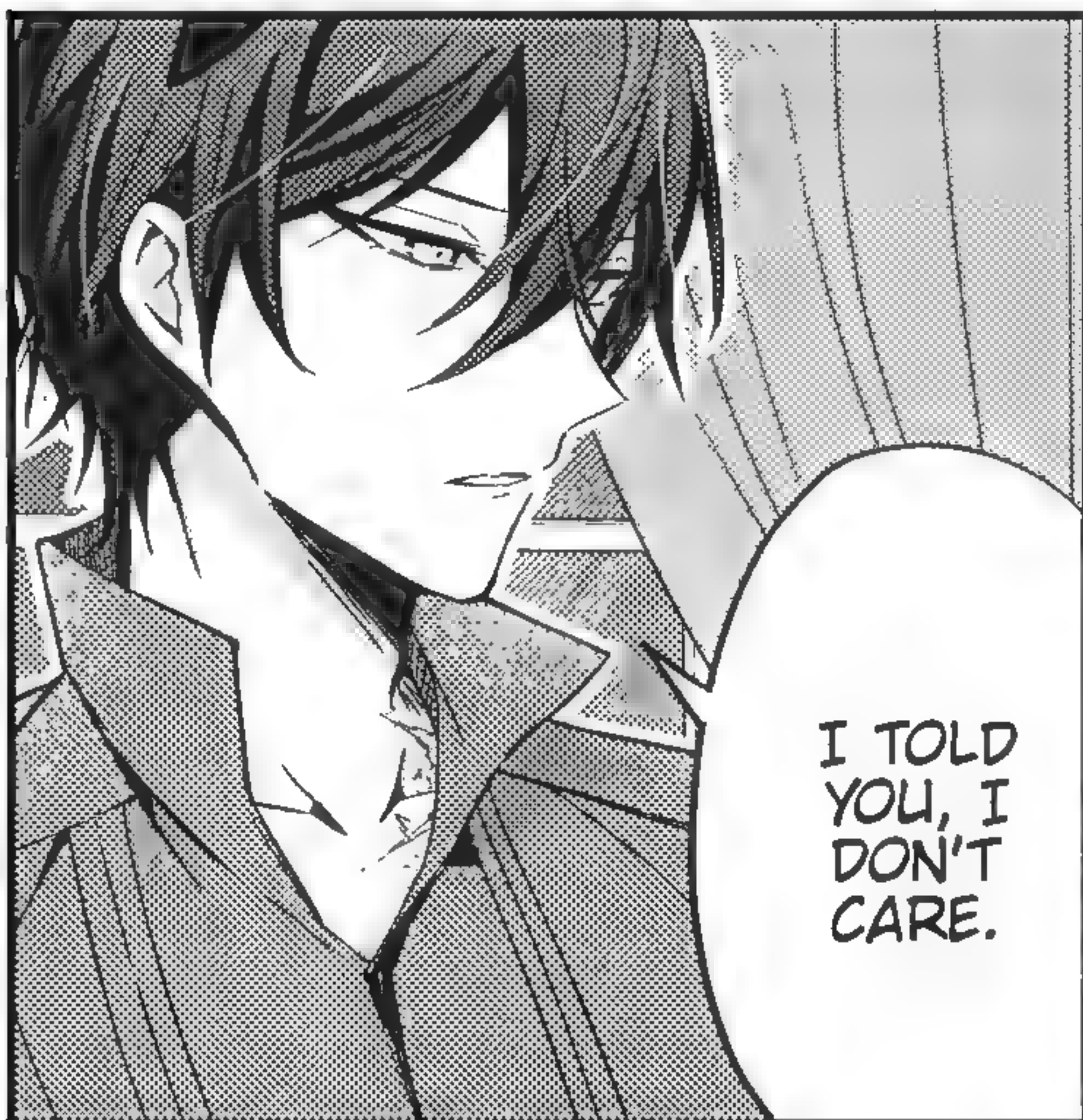


I ALREADY KNEW THAT.



HIS WANTS ARE NOT MY PROBLEM.

THERE'S NO REASON FOR ME TO LISTEN TO WHAT HE SAYS.





YOU TOLD
ME THE OTHER
DAY THAT I
DIDN'T NEED
TO RESOLVE
MYSELF TO BE
YOUR WIFE.

I KNOW THAT
THIS IS AN
IMPORTANT
MOMENT.

I'VE BEEN
THINKING
ABOUT WHAT
THAT MEANT.



Even
the crown
prince
can't
avoid the
gallows if
he does
something
like that.

Maybe
his
father
will be
next
in line
for his
blade.

I
WONDERED
IF HE WAS
FORE-
SHADOWING
A
DIVORCE...

TAKING INTO
ACCOUNT THAT
THREE YEARS
FROM NOW, HE'S
GOING TO KILL HIS
FATHER AND
START A WAR...

IF PRINCE
THEODORE HAD
CAUGHT A
GLIMPSE OF
THAT...

is b
our
regards his
children as
little more
than
pawns.



YOU HAVE
YOUR OWN
LIFE TO LIVE
AND YOUR
OWN FUTURE
AHEAD OF
YOU...

DO YOU
INTEND TO
THROW THAT
ALL AWAY?

...



AND WHY HE'S
TRYING TO
VANISH FROM
THE FATE OF
GALKHEIN.

MAYBE
THAT'S WHY
HE'S TRYING
TO BECOME
DISINHERITED...

PRINCE
THEODORE
MIGHT BE
AFRAID OF
THAT.



PRINCE
ARNOLD
HAS A VERY
HUMANISTIC
SENSE OF
COMPAS-
SION.

MAYBE HE
DIDN'T INTEND
TO START THAT
WAR.

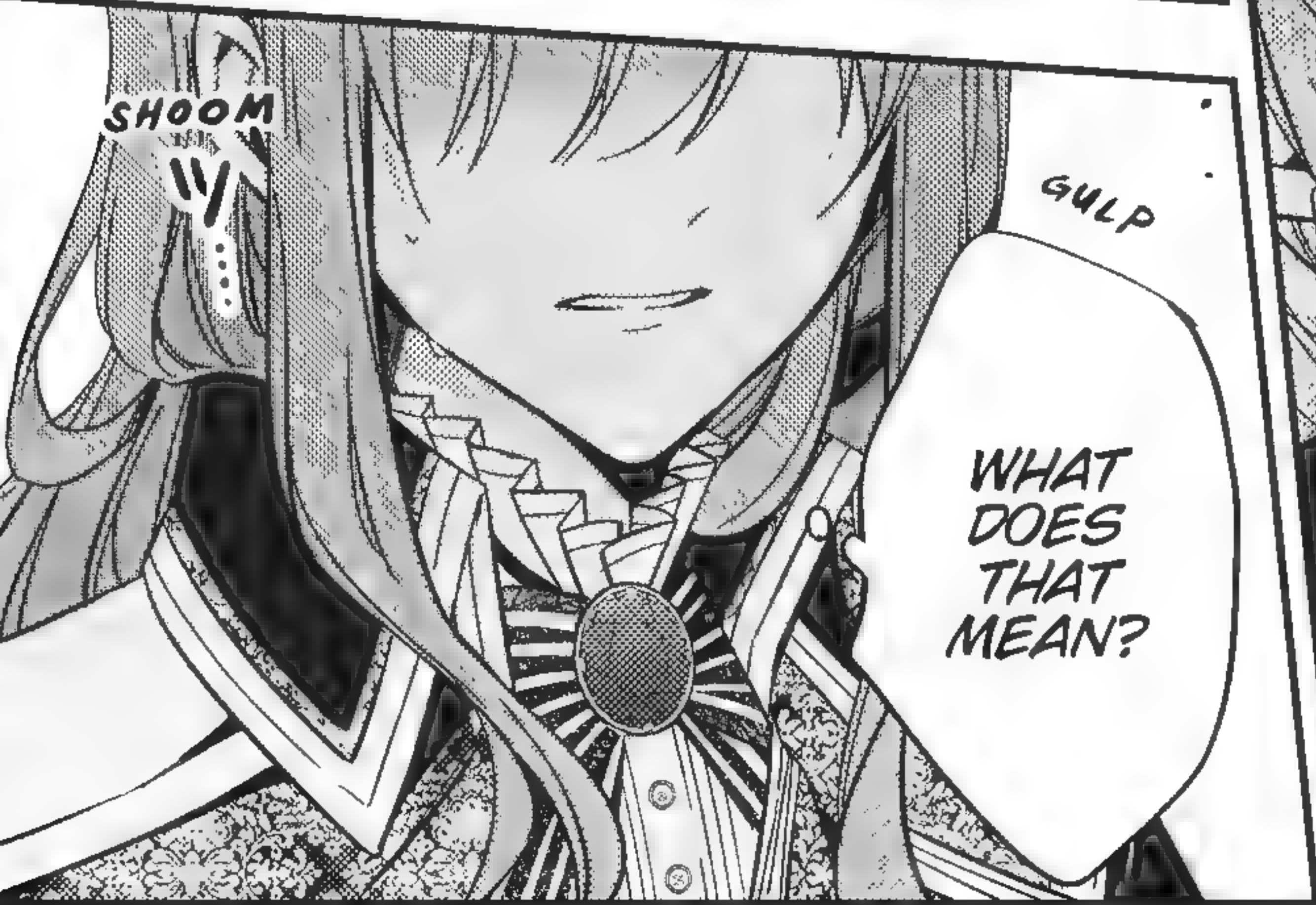
THIS IS
ALL A
GAMBLE.

SCREAM





I'M
FINALLY
CERTAIN.



SHOOM

GULP

WHAT
DOES
THAT
MEAN?



HIS
PROVOCATIVE
SMILE AND
COLD EYES...

HIS
WORDS...



SHIVER



YOU'RE
ADORABLE.



WHAT...?



I WAS
NAIVE.

SQUEEZE
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YOU CAN
IMAGINE
WHATEVER
YOU WANT
THOUGH.

BUT
YOU DON'T
NEED TO
KNOW YET.

YOU DON'T
KNOW WHAT
I'M THINKING,
AND YOU'RE
CONFUSED.



HE'S
FATHOMLESS.

LEAVE
THEODORE
ALONE.

BUT...



HOW
ARROGANT
OF ME.

I ALMOST
THOUGHT
THAT I WAS
STARTING TO
UNDERSTAND
HIM.



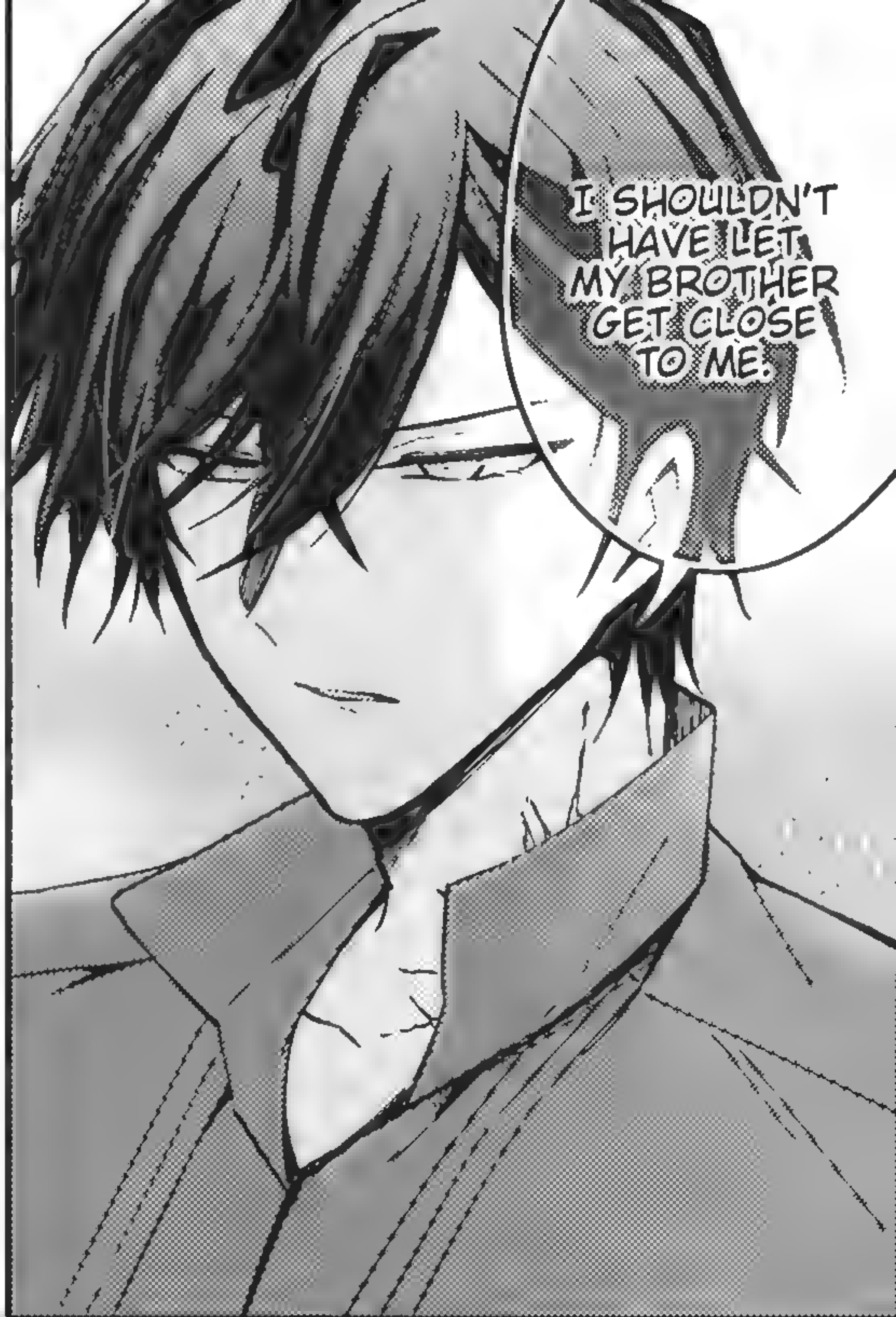
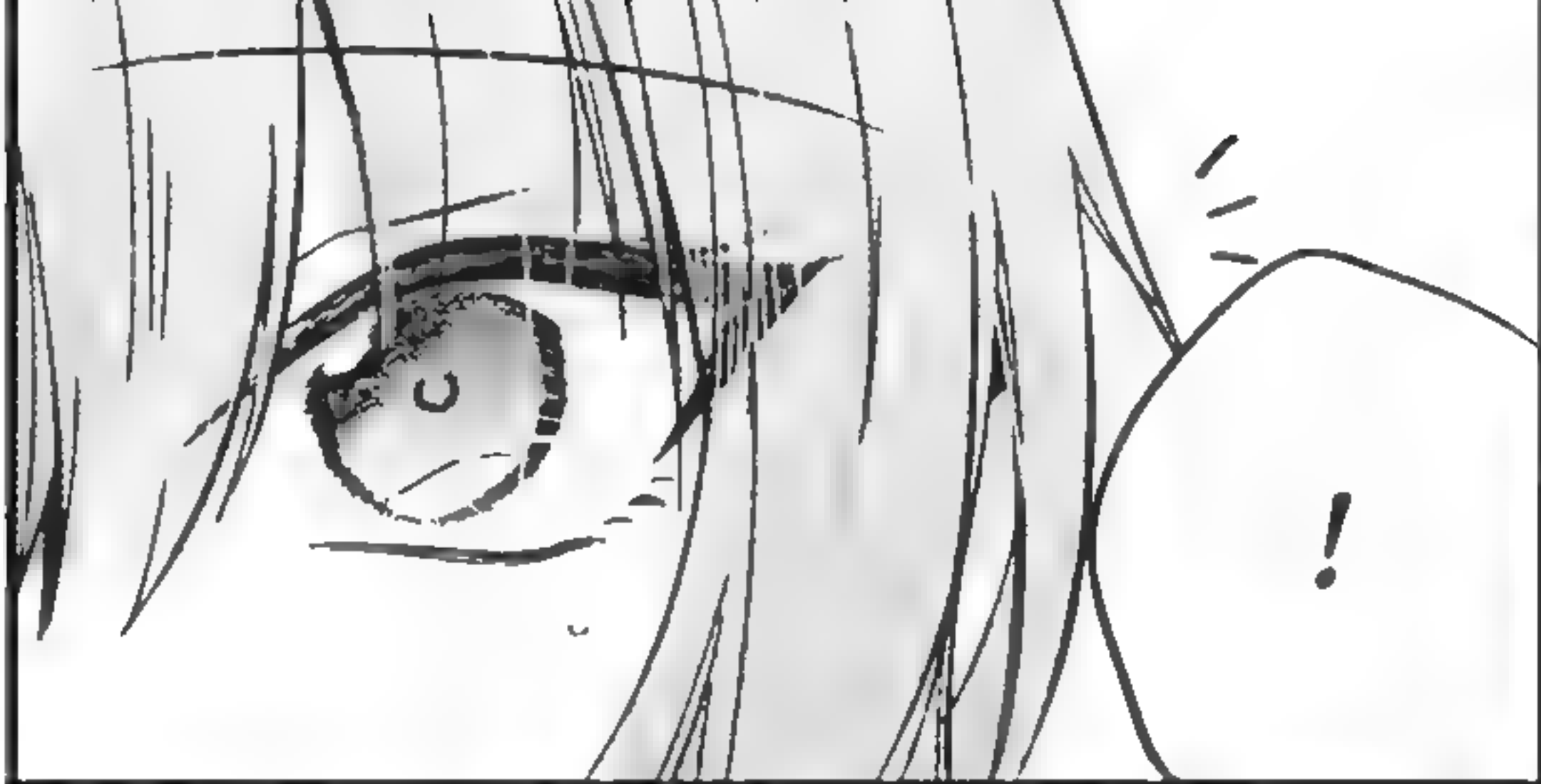
WHAT AN
IDIOTIC THING
FOR AN HEIR TO
THE THRONE
TO DO.

THEODORE
MIGHT HAVE
READ A LITTLE
TOO DEEP INTO
THAT.



I'VE
CERTAINLY
CONSIDERED
WHAT I INTEND
TO HAPPEN IN
THE EVENT OF
MY DEATH.

ANY POLICY
I ENACT
NEEDS TO RUN
SMOOTHLY
EVEN IF I'M
NOT AROUND.



"BEING CLOSE
MIGHT NOT
ALWAYS BE THE
BEST WAY TO
HELP."

"IF YOU WANT
TO PROTECT
SOMEONE,
DISTANCE
YOURSELF
FROM THEM."

YOU'RE
ENIGMATIC AND
SCHEMING AND
I HAVE NO IDEA
WHAT YOU'RE
THINKING.

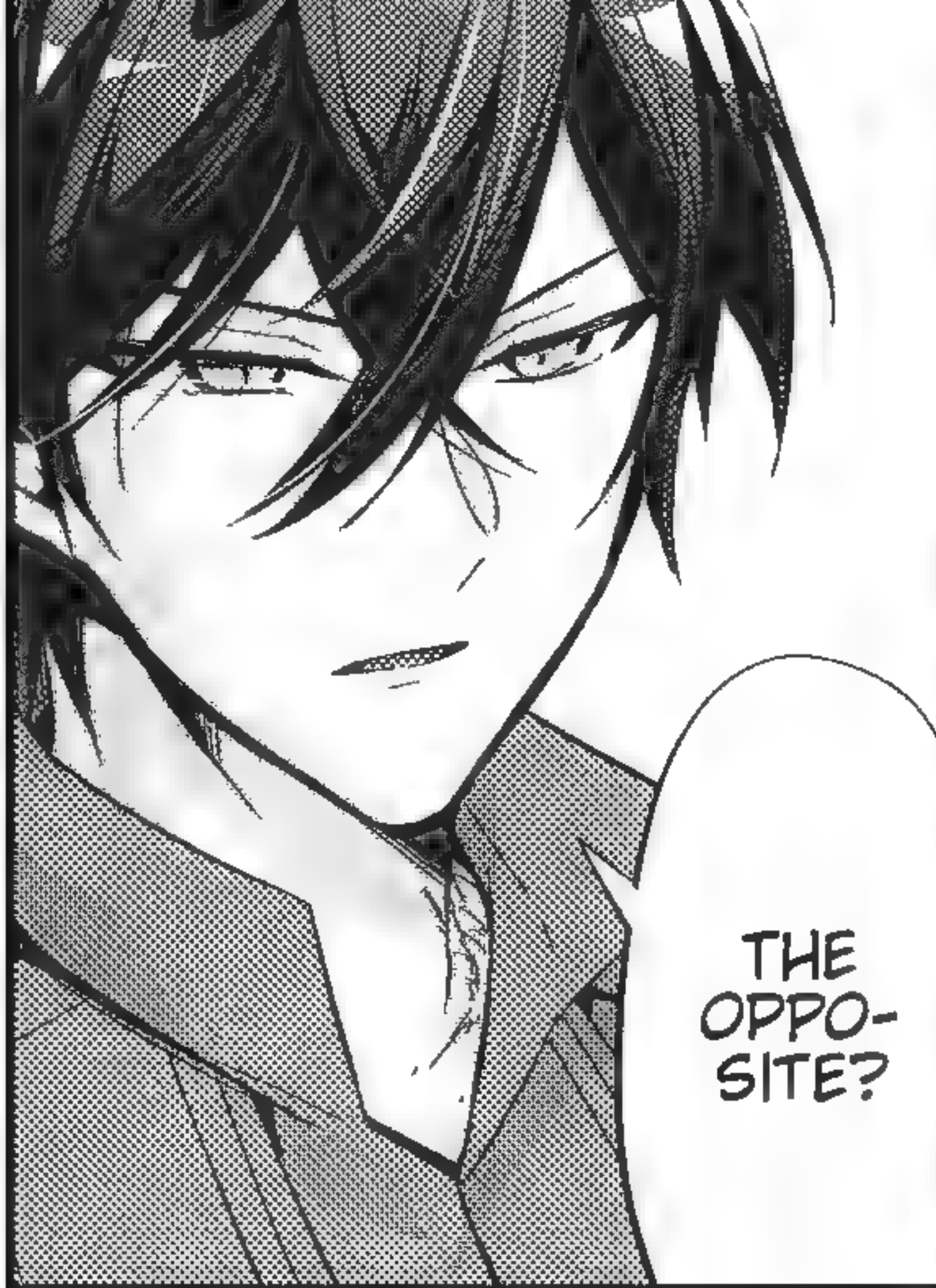
IT'S
BECAUSE
I AM
SERIOUS.

I'M SURPRISED
THAT YOU'RE
TALKING ABOUT
THIS SO
SERIOUSLY.

I KNOW THAT
HE IS A HUMAN
RIGHT NOW.

BUT YOU ARE
BY NO MEANS
COOL-HEADED.

EVEN
THOUGH HE
BECOMES A
MONSTER IN
THE FUTURE...



THE
OPPO-
SITE?



HAVE YOU
PREPARED
FOR THE
OPPOSITE?

I KNOW
YOU'RE
PREPARING
FOR A
FUTURE
WITHOUT
YOU IN IT,
BUT...



PRINCE
ARNOLD WAGED
WAR ON NATIONS,
ASSAULTING
THEM WITH OVER-
WHELMING
FORCE.

IN ALL SIX OF
MY PREVIOUS
LIVES, THERE
WAS NOT A
SINGLE PERSON
WHO DIDN'T
KNOW WHO HE
WAS.

ON THE
OTHER HAND,
IT WAS
STRANGE
HOW FEW
PEOPLE
KNEW...

OF HIS HALF-
BROTHER,
THEODORE
AUGUSTE HEIN.

MAYBE
HE JUST
CHOSE A LIFE
WHERE HE
ISN'T IN THE
SPOTLIGHT.

BUT...

I DON'T
KNOW WHAT'LL
HAPPEN TO
HIM IN FIVE
YEARS.



PRINCE
THEODORE
DOESN'T
EXIST.

THERE
COULD BE
A FUTURE
WHERE...



I WANT
TO BE LIKE
THAT TOO.

LIVE IN
A WAY SO
YOU DON'T
REGRET
THAT.





EVEN IF
THIS IS MY
LAST LIFE.

I WANT TO
LIVE AS YOUR
WIFE WITHOUT
ANY REGRETS.

I...

EVEN IF
THIS IS THE
LAST TIME
I REPEAT MY
LIFE.

F L I C K E R

EVEN IF I
DIE IN FIVE
YEARS.



TSK!
f. 17

DAMN
IT.



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CHAPTER 16

I Need You Too

CLACK

CLACK

CLACK

DASH

PRINCE
THEO-
DORE!



POUT



I'M SURE
YOU HAD NO
INTENTION
OF RUNNING
AWAY.

ARE YOU
GOING TO TRY
TO TEACH ME
HOW TO RUN
AWAY NOW?

LIKE, "YOU
SHOULD HAVE
RUN OUTSIDE
INSTEAD OF TO
THE ROOFTOP
WHERE YOU
HAVE NOWHERE
TO GO."



I DIDN'T
WANT MY
BROTHER
TO SEE ME
LIKE THIS
ANYMORE.



I JUST
WANTED
TO TALK
TO YOU.



HEH!
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THAT'S
RIGHT.



ON THE
OTHER HAND,
ALL OF HIS
TERRIBLE
MISDEEDS ARE
KNOWN FAR
AND WIDE.

HE NEVER
TAKES CREDIT
FOR THEM.

EVEN
WHEN HE
ENACTS NEW
POLICIES
THAT
CHANGE
THE
COUNTRY
FOR THE
BETTER...

MY
BROTHER...



THAT MEANS
THAT HE'S
PURPOSELY
SPREADING THAT
INFORMATION
HIMSELF.



I KNOW
BECAUSE
I'VE BEEN
WATCHING
HIM.



HE DOESN'T
ACT LIKE HE
WANTS TO
STAY IN THE
SPOTLIGHT.

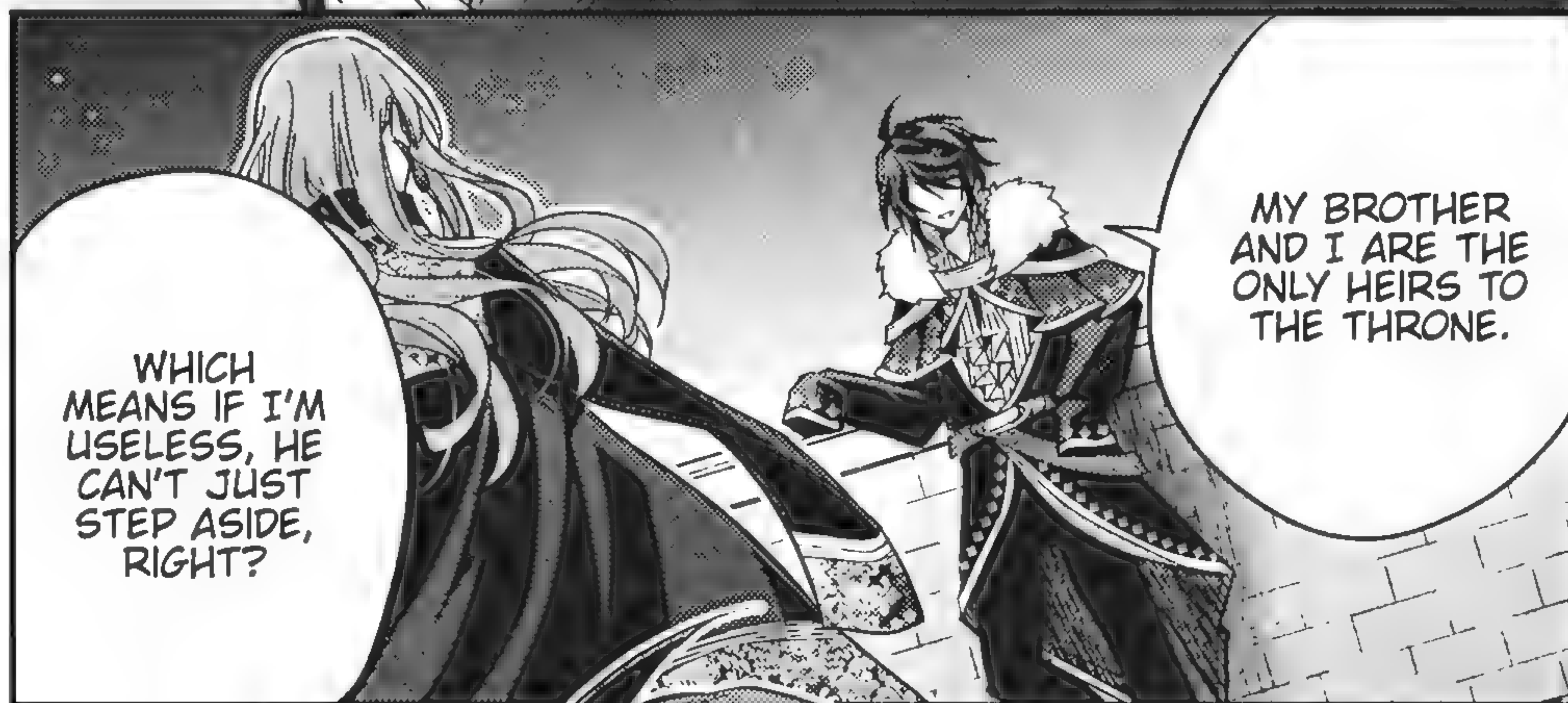
I THINK
SO TOO.



BUT AN
AMAZING
PERSON LIKE
HIM CAN'T
JUST
DISAPPEAR.

AND HE'S
PLAYING HIS
CARDS SO
THAT HE CAN
DISAPPEAR AT
ANY TIME.

HE HAS NO
ATTACH-
MENT TO THE
POSITION HE
HOLDS...



WHICH
MEANS IF I'M
USELESS, HE
CAN'T JUST
STEP ASIDE,
RIGHT?

MY BROTHER
AND I ARE THE
ONLY HEIRS TO
THE THRONE.



IS THE
ONLY WAY
I CAN BE
USEFUL TO
HIM.

EARNING MY
BROTHER'S
HATRED AND
BECOMING A
WORTHLESS
PRINCE...



YOU
KNOW,
I'M CER-
TAIN THAT
IN THE
FUTURE...

YOUR
BROTHER
IS GOING
TO MAKE A
TREMENDOUS
MESS OUT
OF THINGS.



.....



AGAINST
SOMEONE AS
EXTRAORDINARY
AS HIM, I NEED TO
USE WHATEVER
METHOD
POSSIBLE.

I'LL EXHAUST
ALL OF MY
RESOURCES
AND SEEK HELP
FROM AS MANY
PEOPLE AS I
CAN.

BUT I
WILL TRY MY
HARDEST TO
STOP THAT
FROM
HAPPENING.

IN ORDER
TO DO THAT,
PRINCE
THEODORE...



ME?



I NEED
YOU TOO.



THE
MEDICINE
IS START-
ING TO
WEAR OFF.



IT'S
NECESSARY.

THAT HAS
NOTHING TO
DO WITH MY
BROTHER'S
FUTURE.

WHY
SHOULD I
BE HAPPY?

IF YOU WANT
TO HELP YOUR
BROTHER, YOU
HAVE TO BE
HAPPY TOO.



YOU'RE
THE
ONLY...

BROTHER
HE HAS.

!



I'm going to continue
the conversation from
the chapel.

NO, I SENT
HIM A LETTER
BEFORE I
WAS KID-
NAPPED...

PRINCE ARNOLD
KNOWS THAT I
DON'T NEED TO
BE SAVED.

TO SAVE
YOU.

WHY DO
YOU THINK HE
CAME HERE BY
HIMSELF?



STOP.



HE CAME
BECAUSE YOU
DEMANDED
HE DO SO.

PRINCE ARNOLD
WOULD HAVE
NEVER CHOSEN
TO COME HERE
ON HIS OWN.

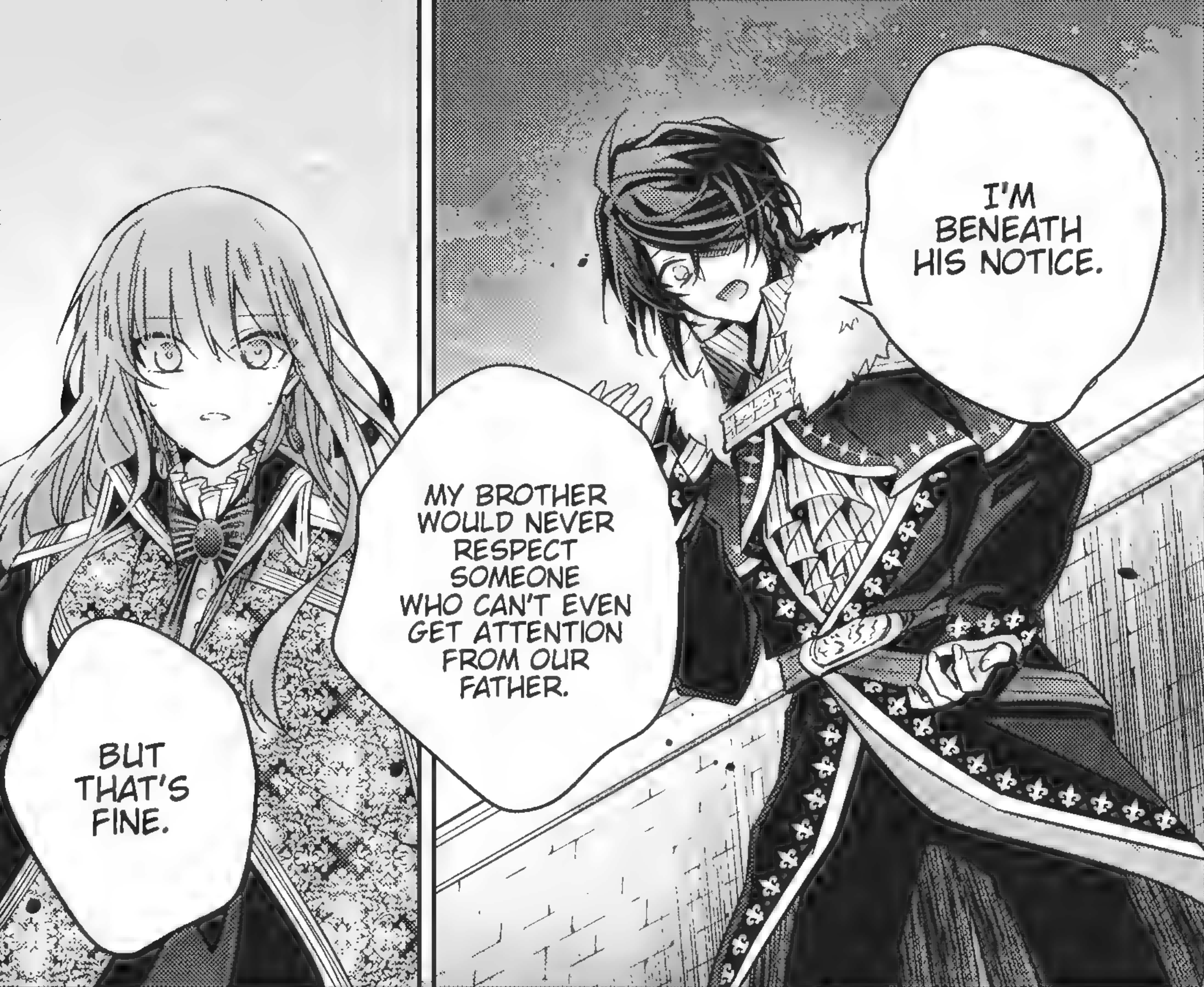


I DON'T
WANT
TO HOPE
THAT...

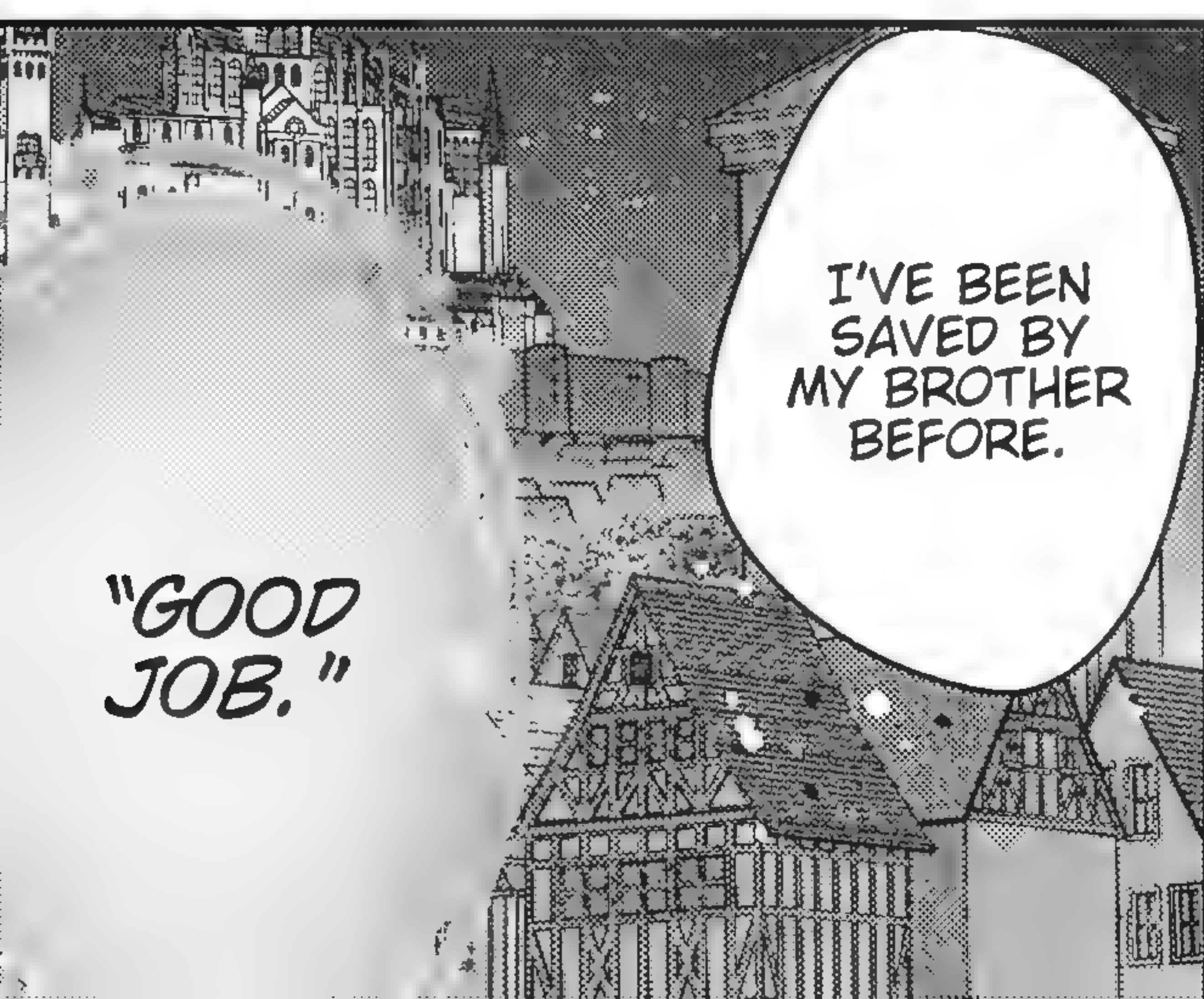
MAYBE
HE LOVES
ME.

PRINCE
THEO-
DORE.

DON'T
TELL ME
THAT.

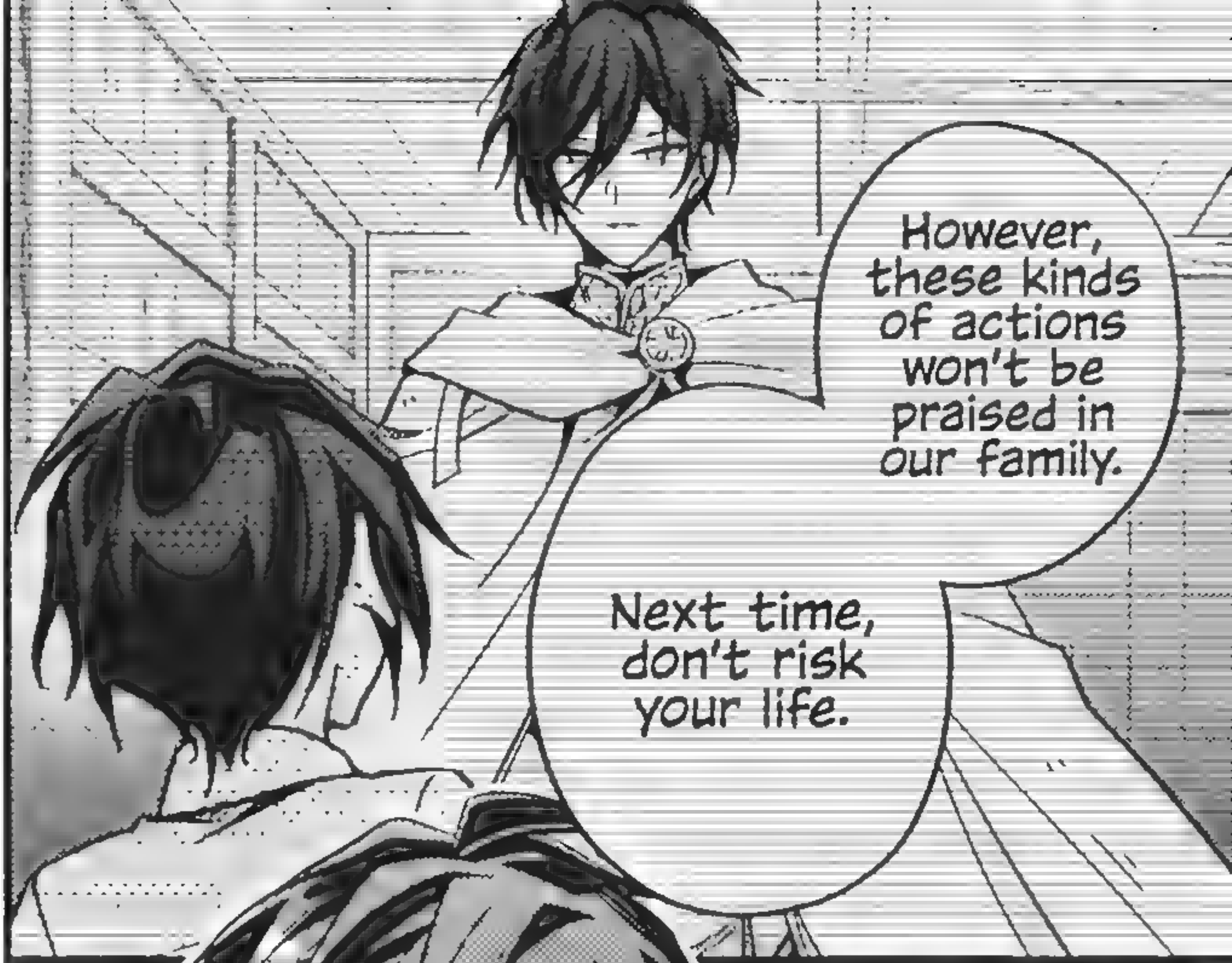








But...



However,
these kinds
of actions
won't be
praised in
our family.

Next time,
don't risk
your life.



I'M SURE
HE DOESN'T
REMEMBER
ANYMORE.

"I'M PROUD
OF YOU FOR
TRYING TO
PROTECT
SOMEONE
LIKE THAT."



NO...

YOU CAN'T,
PRINCE
THEODORE!

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N

I HAVE NO
STRENGTH
LEFT.



I WAS A
WORTHLESS
SECOND
PRINCE...

THANK
YOU,
SISTER-
IN-LAW.

I CAN'T
EXPLAIN HOW
HAPPY IT MADE
ME TO HEAR
THAT I WAS
NEEDED.

BUT...



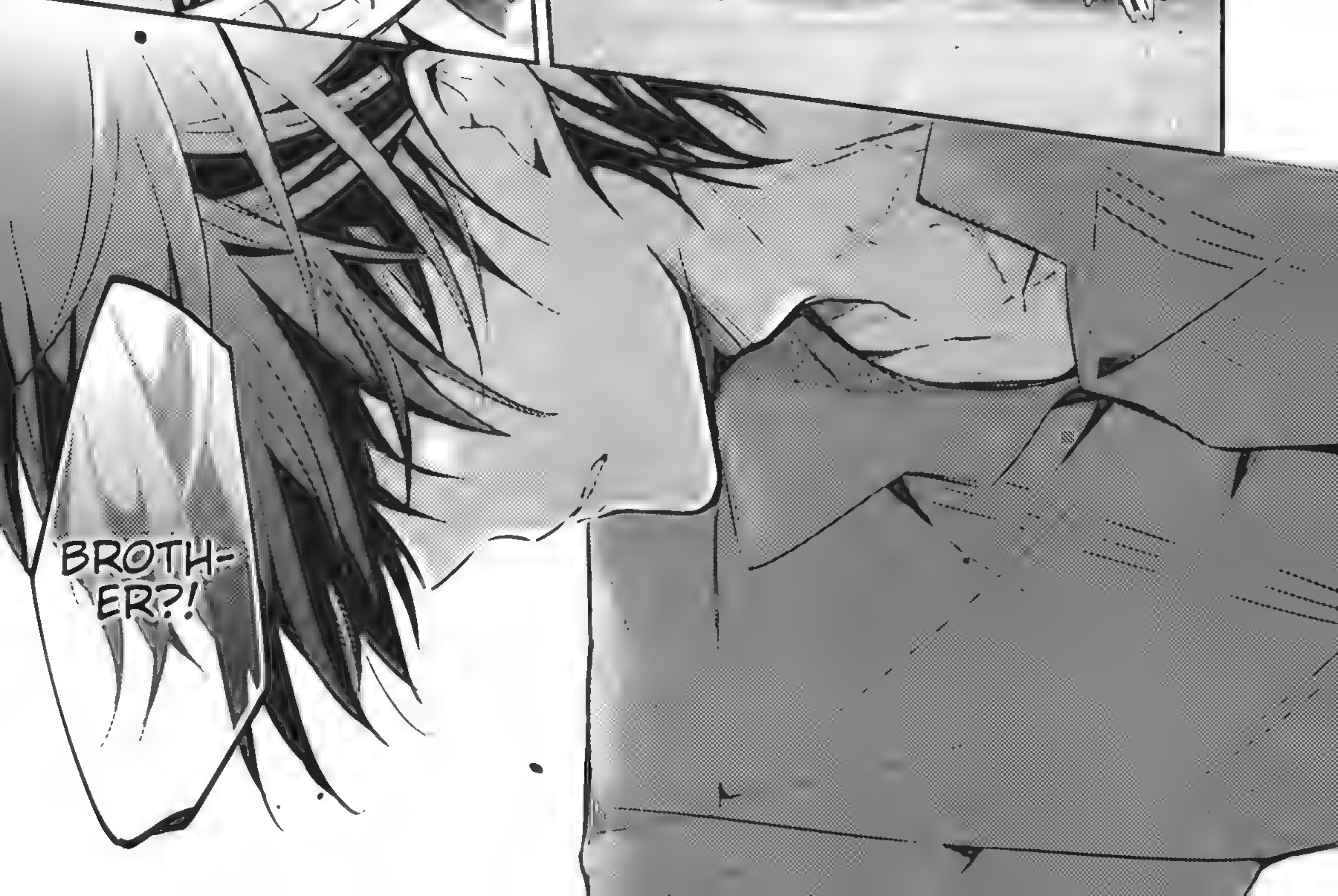
I ALWAYS
WANTED TO
HELP MY
BROTHER.

NO!

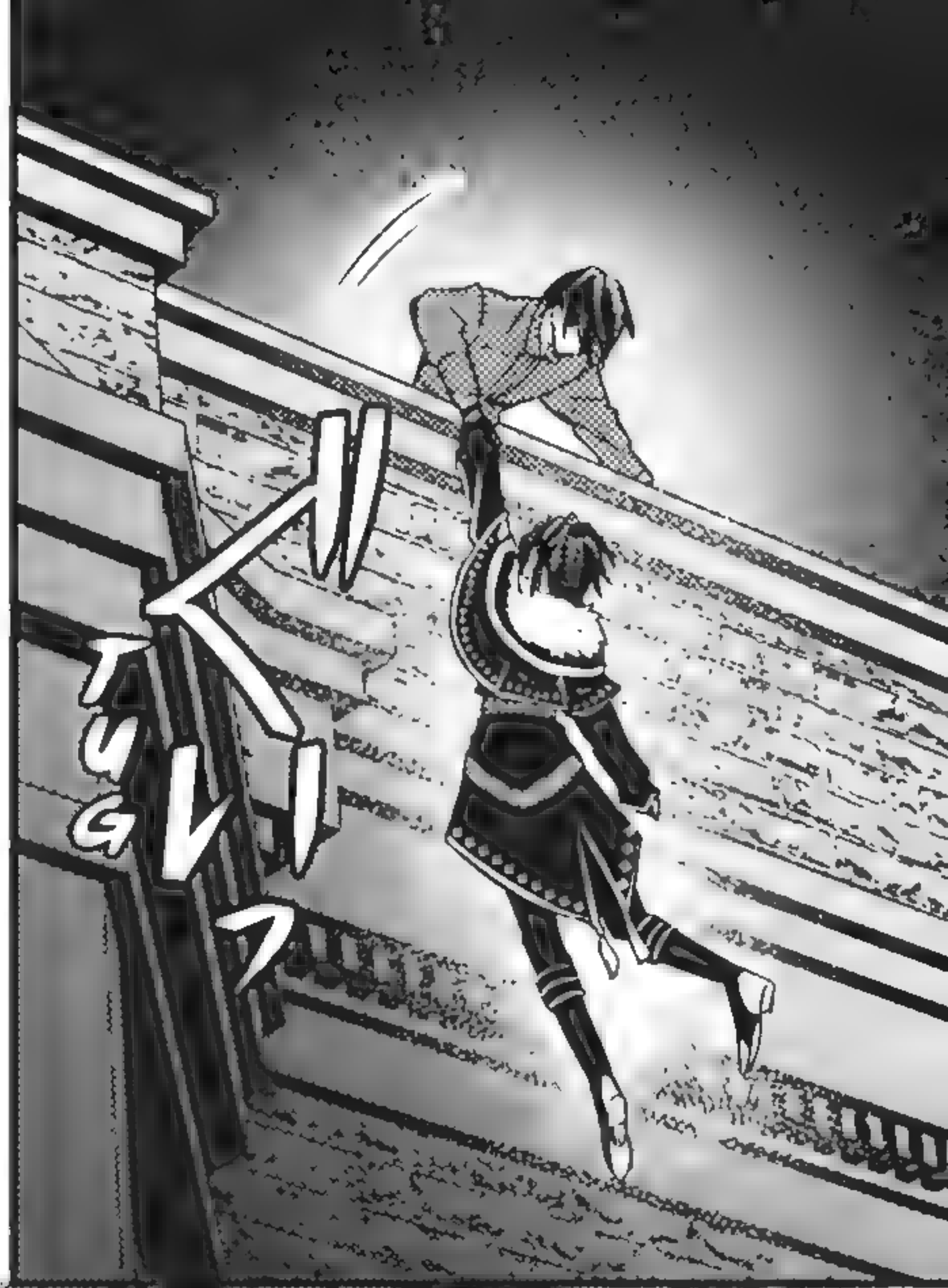




HUH?



BROTHER-
ER?!







I WASN'T
WORTH
ANYTHING
TO YOU!

I
COULDN'T
BE OF ANY
USE TO
YOU...

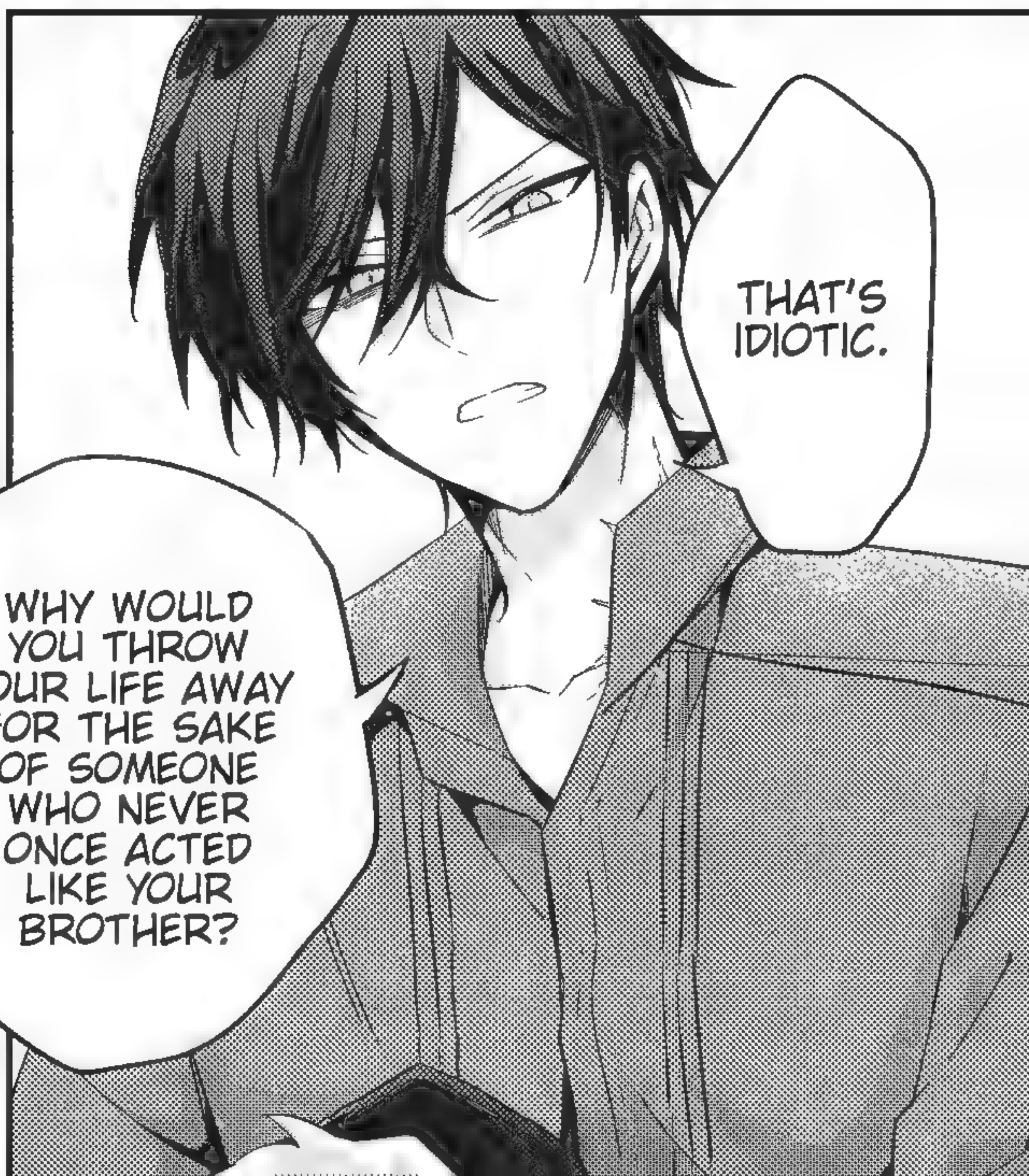
UNLESS I
DID THIS.



THERE'S NO
NEED FOR
YOU TO DO
THIS.

WHY WOULD
YOU THROW
YOUR LIFE AWAY
FOR THE SAKE
OF SOMEONE
WHO NEVER
ONCE ACTED
LIKE YOUR
BROTHER?

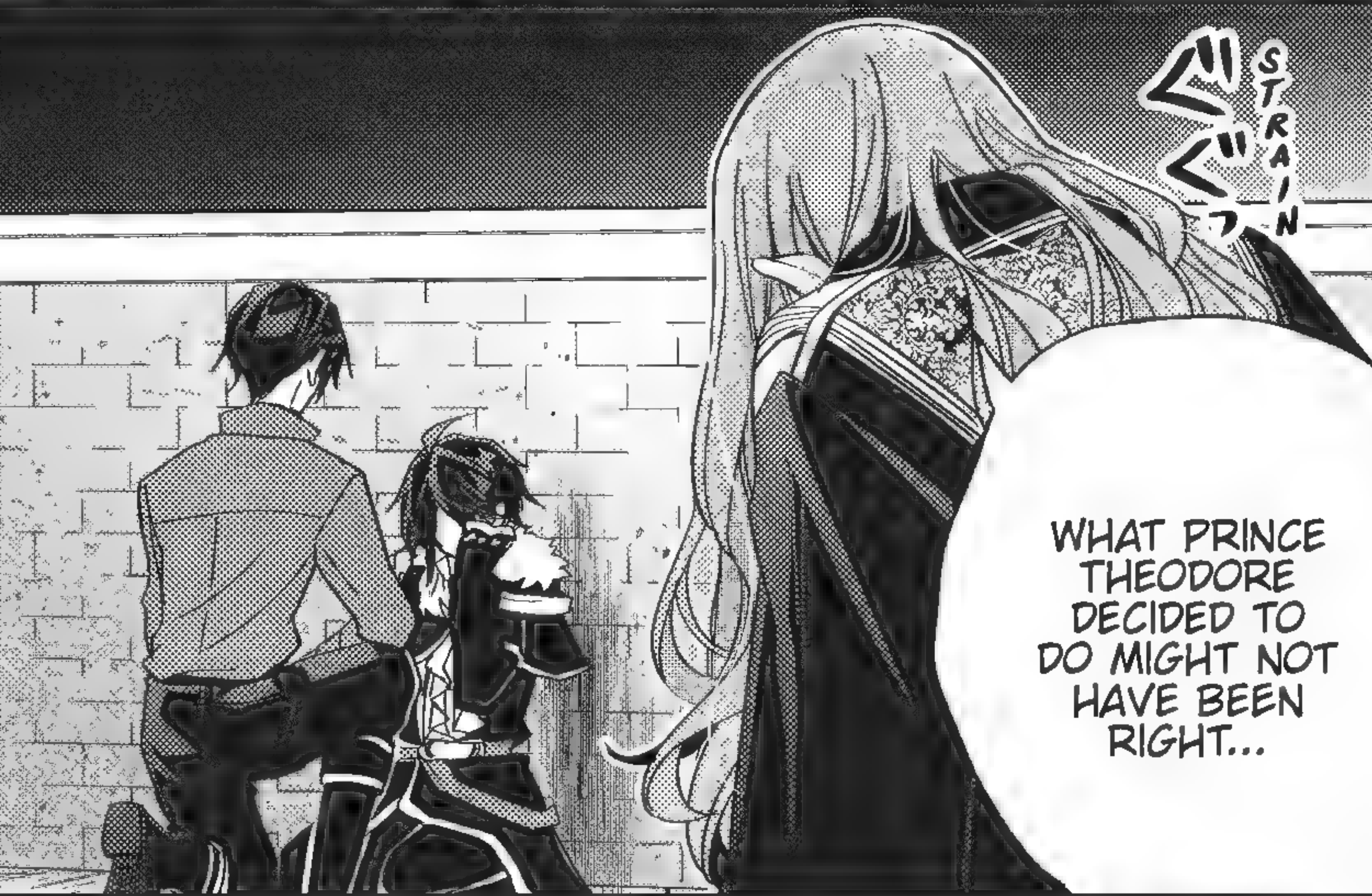
THAT'S
IDIOTIC.





NGHI!

...



STRAIN

WHAT PRINCE
THEODORE
DECIDED TO
DO MIGHT NOT
HAVE BEEN
RIGHT...



INHALE



PANT!

BUT...

HE WANTED
TO BE USEFUL
TO YOU.

THAT
ITSELF ISN'T
IDIOTIC.



I WANT
TO HELP YOU
AND BE
USEFUL TO
YOU.

I'VE SAID
THIS MANY
TIMES
BEFORE.



SHE'S
RIGHT.



BECAUSE...

IF I CAN
DO THAT,
I'LL DO
ANYTHING
FOR YOU.

YOU'RE
MY ONLY
BIG
BROTHER
AND...

I
ADMIRE
YOU.







NEXT
TIME...

DON'T
RISK YOUR
LIFE.



YOU
REMEM-
BER?







I'M
SORRY...

I'VE
GOT IT...

SORRY...

SO
STOP
CRYING.

DRIP
DRIP
DRIP



BUT...

WAH!
びしょ

THANK
GOOD-
NESS.



IF HE CAN
CRY LIKE
THAT, THEN
EVERYTHING
IS OKAY.



I'M
GLAD.

I'M SO
GLAD...

YOU TWO
COULD
MAKE UP...





SISTER?!

DIZZY

GRAB



HUH?

NO.

DASH

OH NO...!

BECAUSE
I IMPRIS-
ONED HER,
SHE'S...!



SHE'S
JUST
SLEEPING.



HOW CAN SHE FALL ASLEEP IN A SITUATION LIKE THIS?

YOU'RE KIDDING.



OF COURSE.

I HAVE ONE WAITING NEARBY.

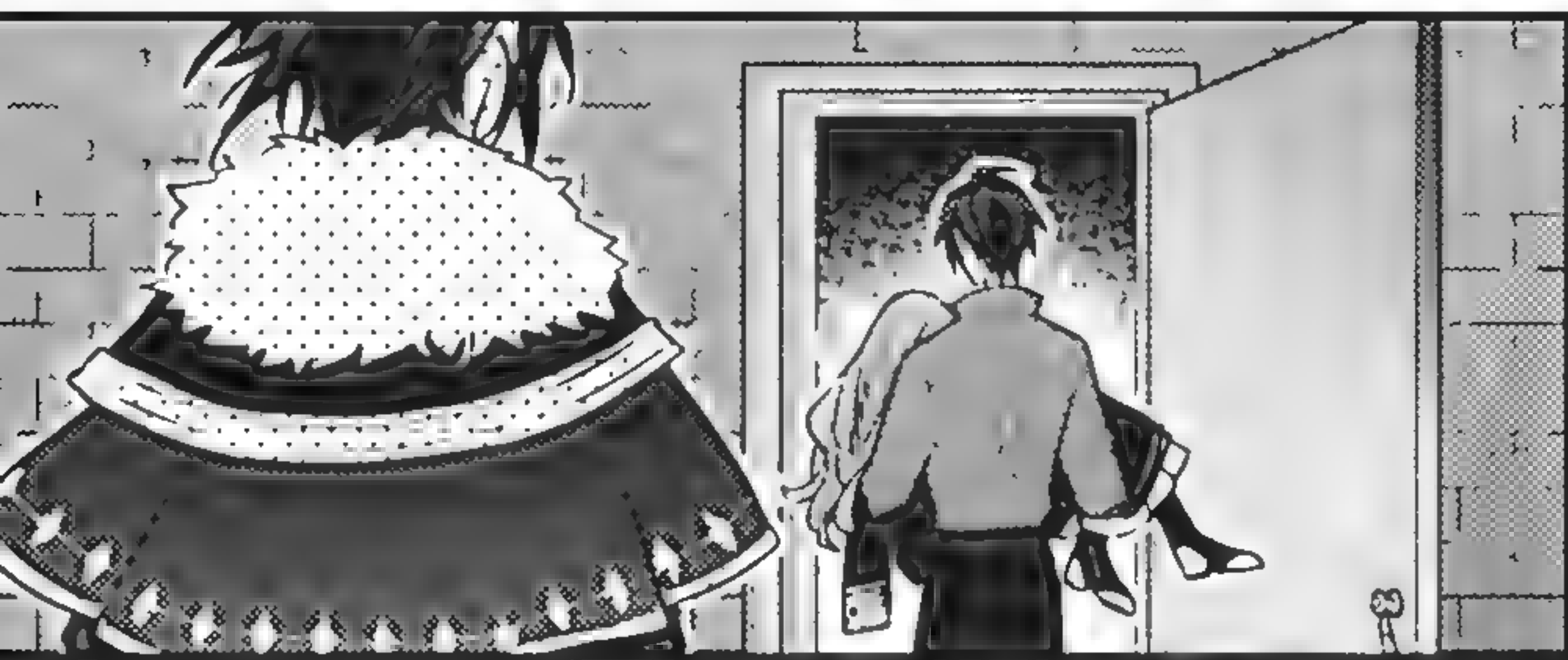
IF YOU WANT TO CARRY HER, I CAN CALL THEM OVER RIGHT AWAY.

DO YOU HAVE A CARRIAGE PREPARED SOMEWHERE?



Y-YES?!

THEO-DORE.





STEP
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From the Perspective of the Younger Brother, His Older Brother, and His Soon-to-be Bride

The inky black night sky slowly softened to indigo. After calling for a carriage to come to the outskirts of the imperial capital, Theodore returned to the building where the dispute took place earlier.

He felt nervous even though he knew the place very well. It was because his brother was upstairs. Theodore always wanted to talk to him, but after sharing so much of his true feelings with Arnold, he was now too embarrassed to even try.

“I’m just going to tell him that the carriage is on its way,” Theodore said to himself.

He took a deep breath and peeked into the room from the gap where the door had been left open.

“Arn...Arnold...!”

Arnold looked up slowly and deliberately. Theodore was shocked at the unexpected scene he glimpsed beyond the door. His brother was sitting on a soft red couch with Rishe, who was sleeping peacefully, lying on her side while propped up on his lap. Theodore was genuinely astonished to see his brother holding a girl. Apparently, this is what he’d done after carrying Rishe away.

“Aren’t you uncomfortable?” Theodore asked.

“I am,” replied Arnold.

Theodore’s eyes widened, stunned that they were even speaking to each other.

“I tried to set her down alone on the couch,” Arnold continued, “but she wouldn’t let go of my hand.”

“You’re right...”

Upon closer inspection, Theodore saw that while Rishe was sleeping comfortably, she still clutched Arnold’s shirt. His coat was draped over her body like a blanket.

No one else in the world would ever dare to sleep in Arnold’s lap like that.

“Mmm...” she murmured.

Rishe brushed her forehead against Arnold’s neck. He let out a small sigh and patted her head before brushing away her wispy bangs with his black-gloved hand.

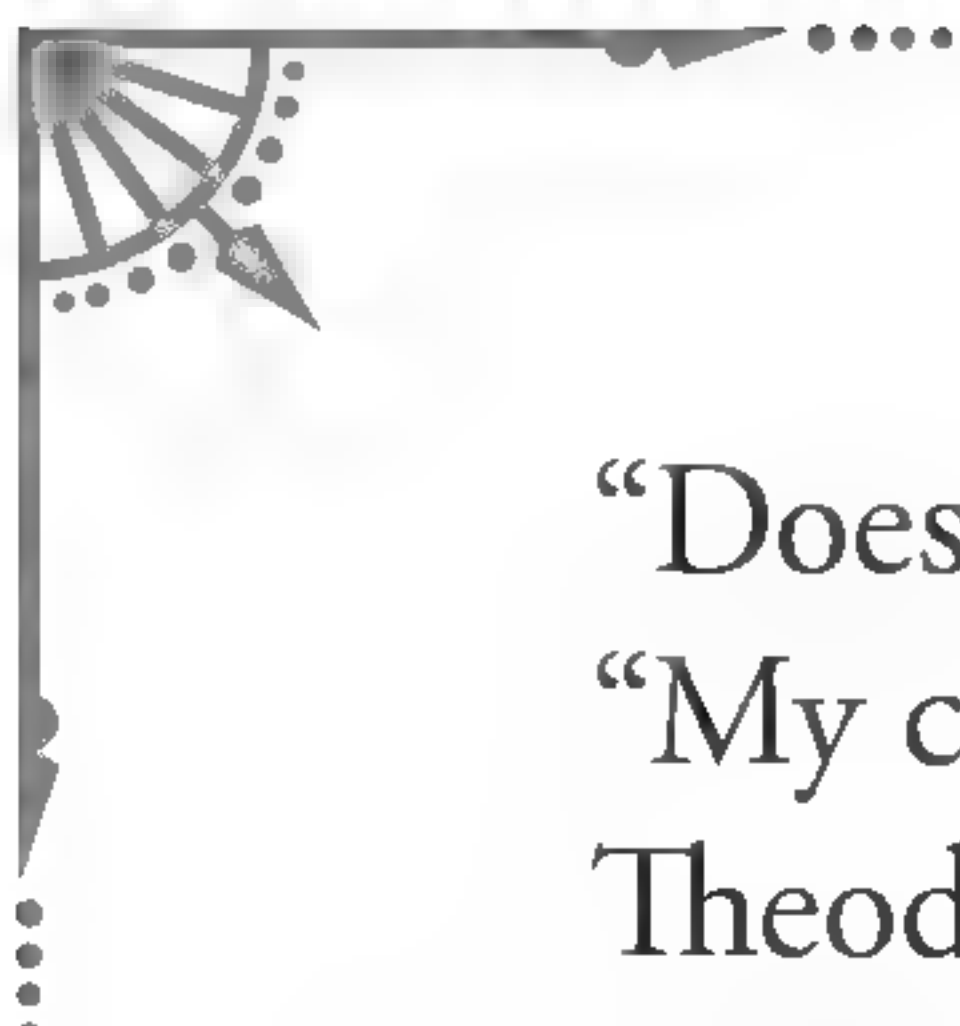
He whispered into Rishe’s ear, “You don’t have to wake up, just go back to sleep.”

His voice was so gentle that it startled Theodore. He never imagined that his brother would speak to his fiancée in such a way. She shouldn’t have been able to hear him, but she let out a sigh of relief. She settled in and leaned back against Arnold. He looked down at her with a calm, quiet gaze. For some reason, Theodore felt like he’d seen something he shouldn’t have. He looked away involuntarily.

“Theodore,” said Arnold.

“Ye...Yeah?”

Despite his nervousness, Theodore was happy to be acknowledged.



“Does your cheek hurt?”

“My cheek?”

Theodore figured that Arnold was asking about the slap from a few minutes ago. The numbness was starting to turn into a stinging sensation. It didn't hurt enough that it was worth complaining about though.

“I'm fine,” he said before murmuring, “I am your brother after all...”

Arnold likely didn't hear him.

“Once Rishe wakes up, she can give you some medicine to reduce the swelling. The knights told me that it's more effective than anything you'd get from a doctor.”

“How can my sister-in-law do so many things?!” Theodore exclaimed.

It was strange to consider, but apparently Arnold was distracted by a different part of his question.

“So...*that's* what you call her.”

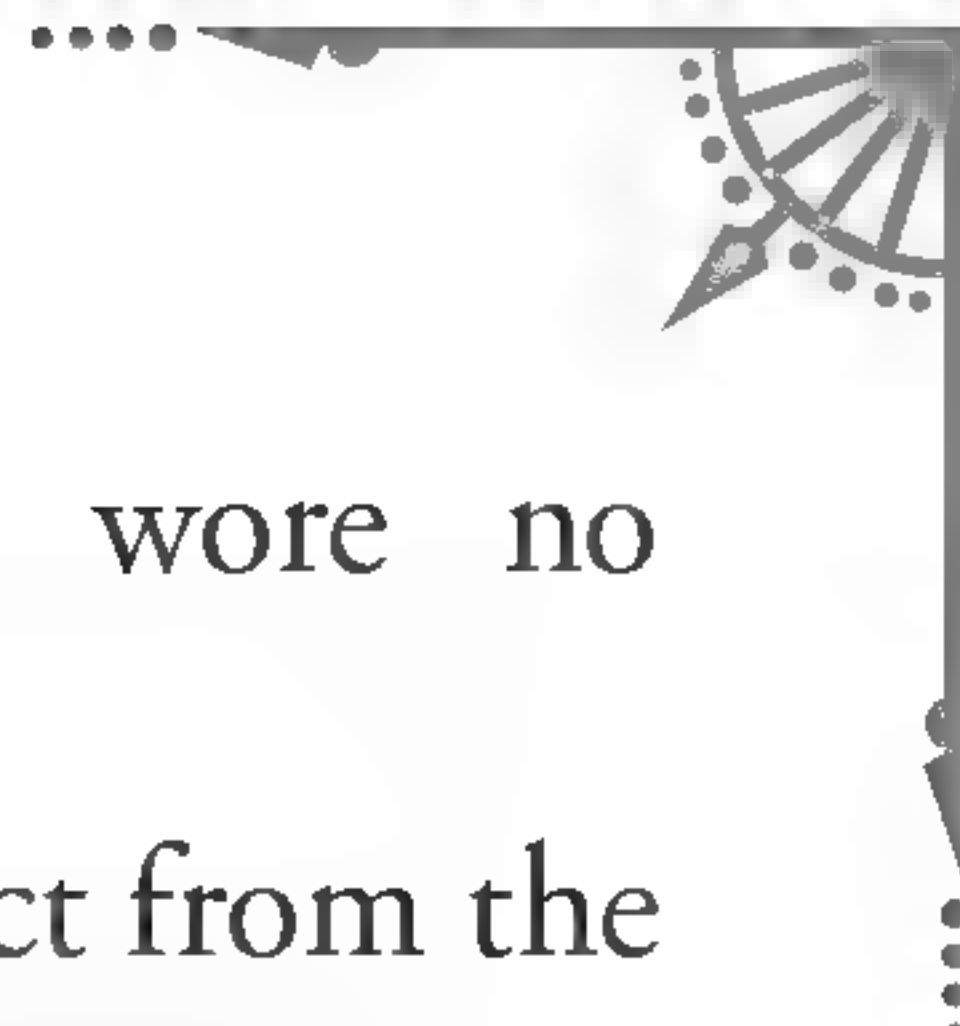
Originally, Theodore started calling Rishe “sister-in-law” sarcastically. After all, she was not yet the crown princess—it was too early to refer to her as a sister-in-law. But now, Theodore had another reason to use that title.

“Why not?” he asked, his tone arrogant. “That's what I want to call her. She doesn't seem to mind.”

He regretted his tone immediately, but it was too late to apologize. His heart was already racing just from being able to talk to his brother.

“Should I stop?”

He wondered if his brother would recognize that he was trying to ask for permission. He wasn't sure.



“No, that’s fine,” Arnold answered. He wore no expression, and his breath stayed even.

The way he spoke in that moment was distinct from the way he spoke to Rishe, but his tone was equally as gentle. It sounded special somehow.

Theodore felt like he was about to burst into tears again, but he held them back. “I ordered the carriage to be waiting at the door. I think it will arrive soon,” he said. “It’s a small hansom cab for two, so you can go home together.”

Theodore leaned out the window to make sure the carriage was on its way before continuing.

“You and *um*...my sister-in-law.”

Theodore couldn’t see his brother’s expression while his back was turned. Arnold stood up, carrying Rishe in his arms.

“Once you get back to the castle, come to the royal villa,” Arnold said. “There are things I need to warn you about.”

Theodore knew that this would be a scolding, but he was relaxed. He was happy to be scolded by his brother. He hid behind the curtains for a moment until Arnold left the room and said to himself, “I’ll write a letter to my future sister-in-law and apologize...”

He wondered if he could adequately express all the gratitude he felt toward her in that letter.

Even though he was a bit anxious, he rested his cheek against the cool glass of the window and watched Arnold and Rishe ride away.





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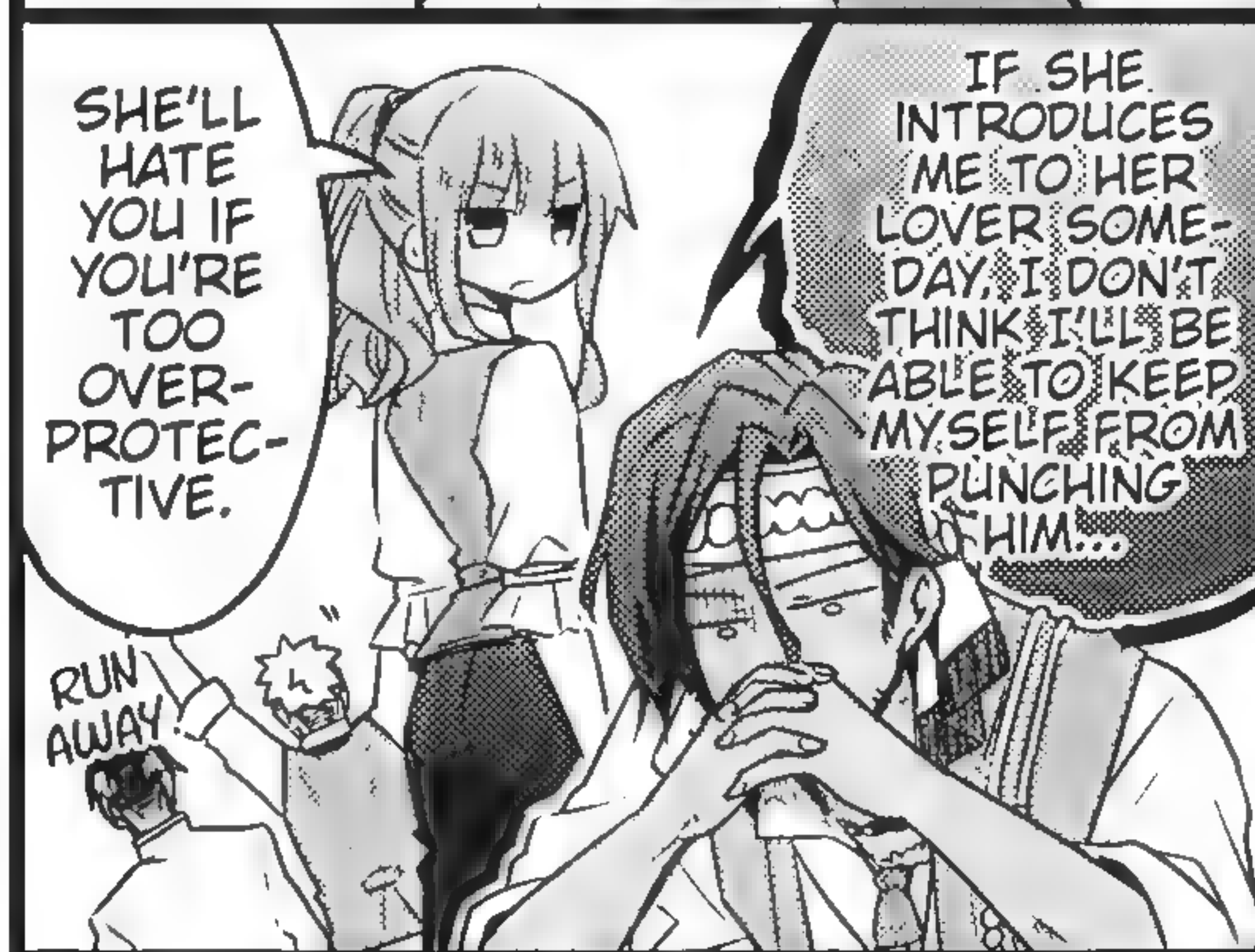
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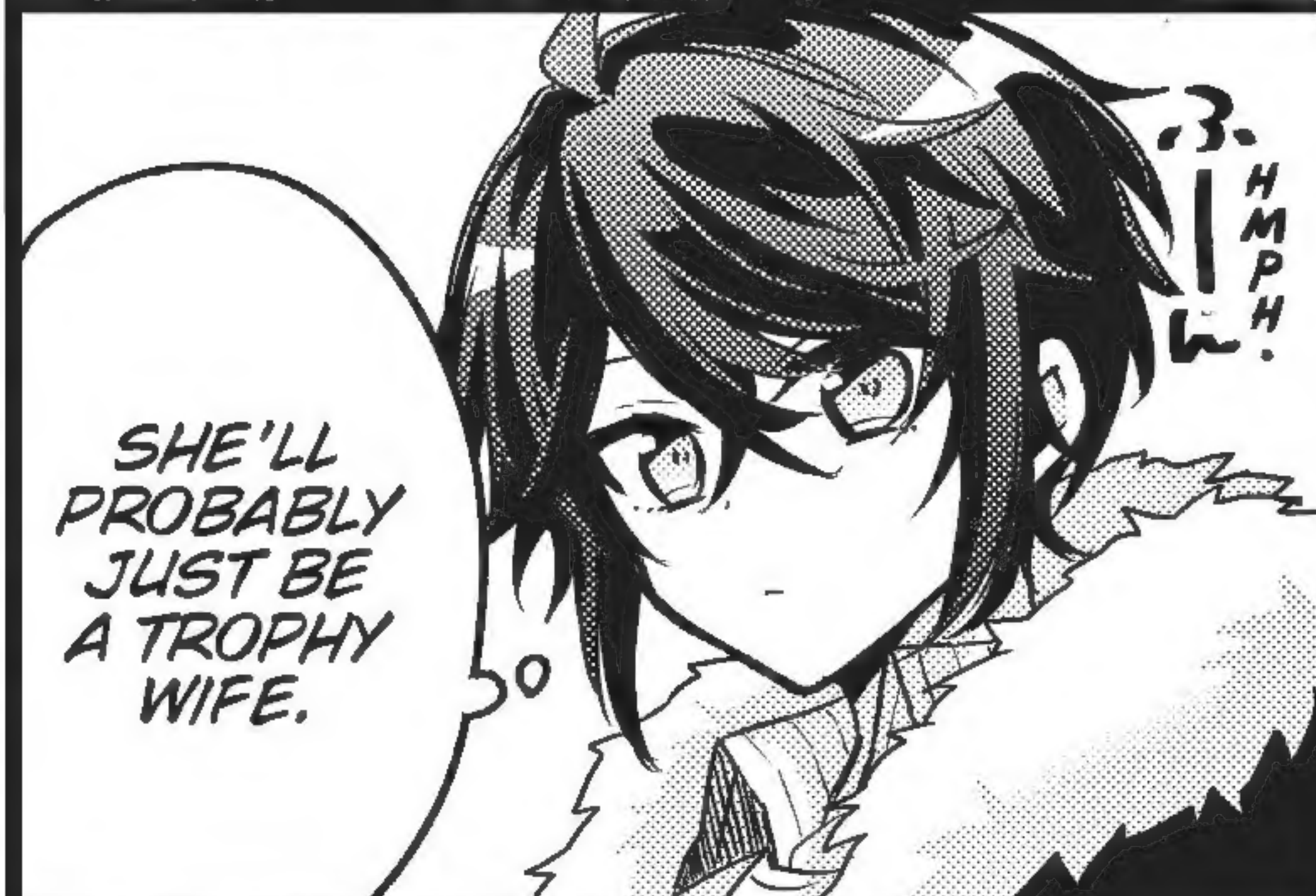
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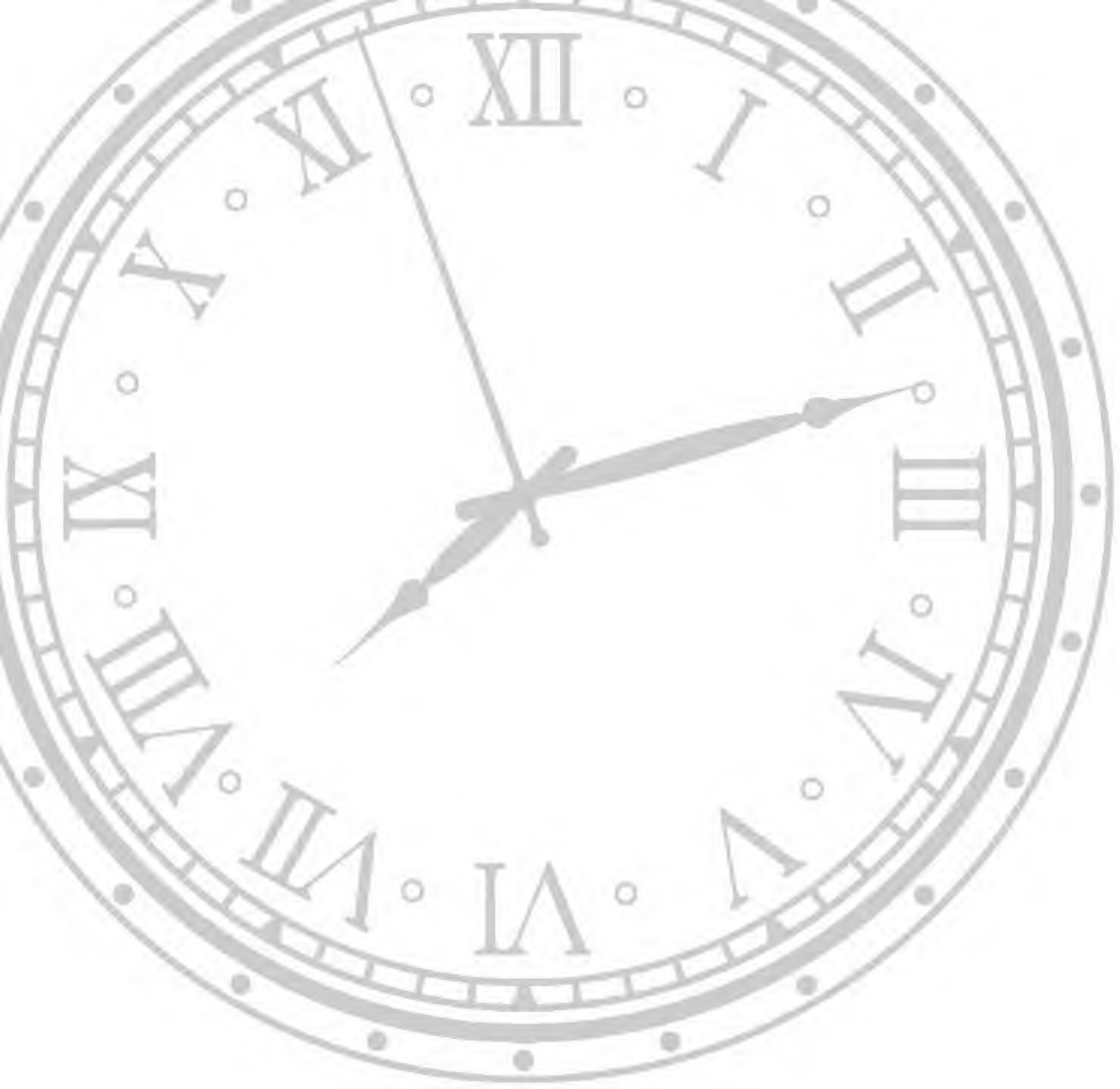
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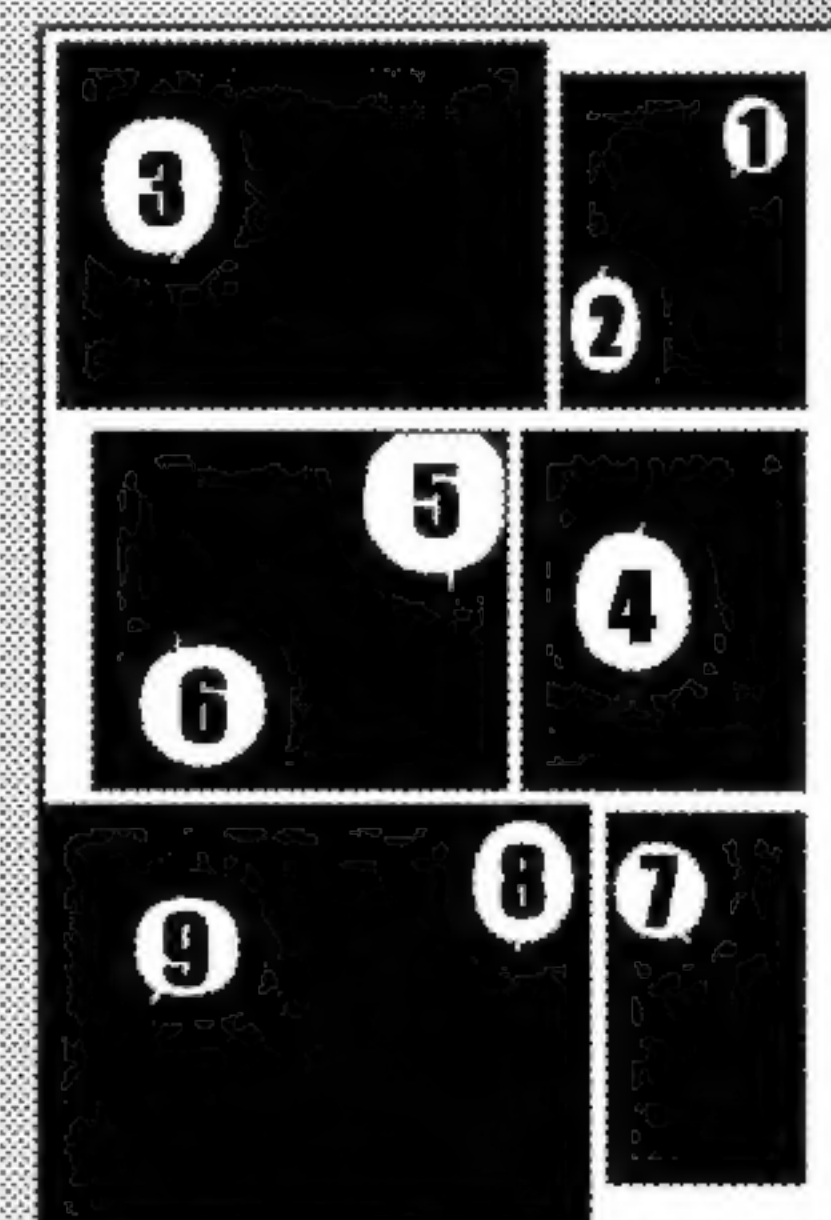
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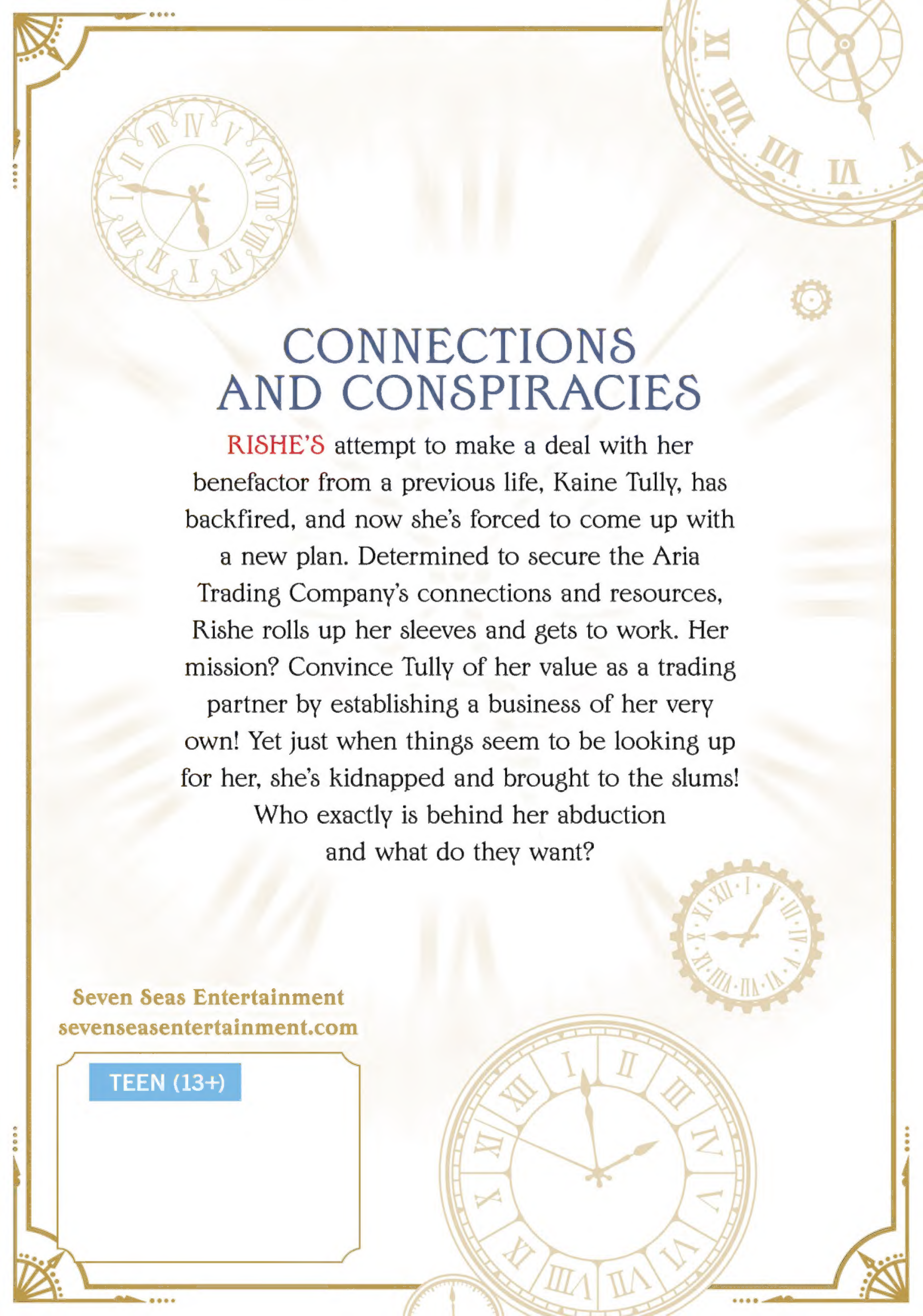
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